ORAL QUESTION H-0221/07 for Question Time at the part-session in April 2007 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Francisca Pleguezuelos Aguilar to the Commission

Subject: Closure and possible relocation of the firm Delphi Automotive España SL

The Spanish region of Andalusia is currently affected by a severe crisis, with the announced closure of the firm Delphi Automotive España SL (Puerto Real, Cadiz province), which, in the course of its 26-year implantation in the region, has been the recipient of successive forms of aids and incentives for the preservation of its industrial activity and jobs.

The announcement of Delphi's closure is contrary to Spanish labour law and is in breach of the agreements in force between Delphi and the Andalusian regional government and the workers' representatives: in the Industrial Plan signed in 2005, Delphi undertook to maintain its industrial activity and preserve the jobs concerned up to 31 December 2010.

In view of the possible relocation of this enterprise and in the light of the support strategy for European industry and Parliament's report on relocations in the regional context, which stresses the need for a European strategy to combat relocations and the need to penalise rogue companies, does the Commission intend to take any action to stop the closure of Delphi and support the preservation of industrial activity and employment in the area?

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