

ORAL QUESTION H-0954/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Motor industry recovery plan

The motor industry is a strategic sector and vital for the EU economy in terms both of GDP and of the employment that it generates directly and indirectly. The EU must, as a matter of priority, adopt specific support measures for the industry to ensure its viability and preserve jobs. The Commission's Recovery Plan for Growth and Jobs puts forward a number of measures that need to be complemented by specific plans implemented by individual Member States. Emergency measures must aim, first of all, to avert plant closures and job losses. What flexibility will be accorded to Member States to enable them to provide in their support programmes for State aid intended specifically for the motor industry? When State aid is granted under flexible arrangements of this kind, to what uses may it be put and what conditions will it have to satisfy?

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