

ORAL QUESTION H-0096/09
for Question Time at the part-session in March I 2009
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Dismissals and ban on trade union activity

Retail workers in Greece are mobilising in support of their justified claims for better working conditions, pay and benefits. In addition, they are calling for the reinstatement of a fellow worker dismissed by the 'JUMBO' department store for taking part in a strike action. The government and the employers are seeking to intimidate workers by means of a wave of arrests and reprisals against protesting workers in many Greek towns and cities. In particular, the 'JUMBO' company is seeking to halt all trade union activity, obtain guarantee payments from workers, impose fines and criminal sanctions and ban worker movements in support of the right to work and seeking the reinstatement of those dismissed and stronger trade union and democratic rights.

Does the Commission condemn such actions as infringing the right of workers to strike and exercise their democratic and trade union freedoms?

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