

WRITTEN QUESTION P-4284/05  
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to the Commission

Subject: Transparency in the European Institutions

Following the suggestions by President Barroso regarding the transparency of the European Institutions, I would be very grateful to hear his plans regarding the implementation of this proposal and, specifically, when they will be implemented.

Over the past few years, a Mr Lakshmi Mittal has donated large sums of money to the British Labour Party. Shortly after these donations, the European Commission reduced the rate at which anti-dumping duty was applied to products from Mr Mittal's steel mills in Romania, South Africa, China and India. Not one other company benefited to anything like the same extent.

In the new spirit of openness and transparency which accompanies Mr Barroso and Mr Mandelson, will the Commission make available all documentation relating to the decision to reduce tariffs charged to Mittal Steel imports from nations subject to an anti-dumping regime?