

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3247/06  
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to the Commission

Subject: FSO car factory in Warsaw

By mid-July, the Commission has to take a decision on the granting of public aid to the FSO car factory in the Zeran district of Warsaw. The decision is to be preceded by a recommendation from the Commissioner responsible for competition in the European Union.

At present, the Commission has all the necessary documents testifying to the long-term viability of the company and has no reason to withhold the recommendation.

An unfavourable decision by the Commissioner for competition would be tantamount to trying to bankrupt the company and, more importantly, would restrict competition and run counter to the principle of fair competition in what is a highly monopolised car market in the European Union.

It is to be hoped that the rumours that the Commission may withhold the recommendation are false and that it will take a positive decision on the FSO car factory. What will the Commission do to ensure that the recovery programme for the FSO car factory reaches a successful conclusion?