

**Question for written answer E-016037/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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**Subject:** Will any measures be taken to prevent collective redundancies by Cola Coca and other multinationals?

In November 2015, Coca Cola Hellenic abruptly closed a production unit in Volos. Twenty-six months ago it had equally abruptly dismissed its employees in Thessaloniki, who are fighting for the factory to reopen. Overall, the company, which operates in 29 countries, has closed seven plants and shed over 2 000 jobs in Greece, and many other indirect jobs have also been lost.

The 'Cola Coca system' has deployed similar tactics recently in Spain and the United Kingdom. In addition, the merger of British Coca Cola Enterprises Inc., the Spanish Coca Cola Iberian Partners and the German Coca Cola Erfrischungsgetränke AG is fuelling concern about the possibility of new job cuts.

Because the multinationals and partners of the 'Cola Coca system' exploit their huge global power not only to monopolise the market, but also to bypass obstacles created by employment legislation, will the Commission say:

- Will it take action to stop the Coca Cola multinational company eliminating jobs in the EU?
- Is it aware of the need for a legislative initiative to limit the power of multinationals which, in their efforts to maximise their profits, are violating fundamental employment and social rights?
- When does it consider that the consultation process with employees is genuine and not merely a pretext?