Question for written answer E-014868/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Eva Kaili (S&D)

Subject: Aid for Greek regional industries

In the current economic crisis, the competitiveness of Greek industry, especially in northern Greece, has been greatly undermined, particularly following the imposition of capital controls, while the forthcoming tax hikes will only make things worse.

In order to mitigate the effects of the crisis and make regional industries more dynamic and competitive, it is for example necessary to promote certain policy measures and institutional initiatives within the European Union.

In view of this:

- How is the Commission seeking to encourage industrial reorganisation and restructuring in the regions, principally through growth and investment initiatives, thereby not only assisting the industries themselves, but also reducing costs to final consumers?
- Which of its policies are contributing actively to the introduction of mechanisms to make the manufacturing industry more outward looking, develop new, innovative and internationally marketable products and rationalise cross-border trade formalities with a view to expediting customs procedures?
- What measures are being taken to ensure effective market controls with a view to protecting domestic industries from the sale of third-country products of doubtful quality?

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