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Subject: Bridgestone's restructuring plan for its plants in the Basque Country and Cantabria

Bridgestone Spain Manufacturing, one of Spain's leading tyre producers, has announced a restructuring plan that will lead to 546 workers being laid off at its plants in the Basque Country and Cantabria.

The company justifies this measure by changes on the European market, citing inflation, rising costs, regulatory pressure and international competition as the reasons behind the move. Unions are demanding that a stop be brought to these redundancies, and are calling for real negotiations and a credible industrial plan to ensure the future of these plants.

The Commission has presented the Clean Industry Deal and is preparing a specific plan for the automotive sector with the aim of strengthening European industry.

In view of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of the situation announced by Bridgestone in Spain and does it intend to respond in any way to these mass redundancies, which are seriously affecting industrial employment in regions which are already feeling the strain?
2. At a key moment for the reindustrialisation of the European Union, which is essential for strengthening the Union's strategic autonomy, what mechanisms does the Commission intend to activate to protect industrial employment and prevent such situations – to which other Member States are no strangers either – from recurring time and time again, with devastating consequences for thousands of workers and their families?

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