

Every Job Counts!
Clarity and Perspectives for Europe

Protest Event
4th December 2007 in Rotterdam
Concerning the axing of 20,000 jobs worldwide
at Unilever

- Ø Following on from the announcement that 20,000 jobs are to be cut worldwide, no one at Unilever can be sure of staying in work.
- Ø Today, for instance, it is the factories and administrative departments in the UK and the Netherlands – and tomorrow...?
- Ø For years the workers' representatives have been demanding:
 - **sustained growth**
 - **safeguarding of jobs** in the factories and all other Unilever units
- Ø The opposite has happened. Unilever is shrinking further, year by year. Thousands of jobs have been cut in the last 10 years alone.
- Ø For years the workers have been bearing the brunt of excessive profit expectations.
- Ø Now that Unilever can report good figures once again, it is perverse to announce that tens of thousands of jobs will be axed with the aim of manipulating the share price.

Is Unilever selling its soul?

That is why we are demanding:



- Clarity and perspectives for Europe!
- A pause in restructuring !
- An end to dismissals and plant closures!
- Transparent concepts for sustained growth, where the safeguarding of jobs is given at least the same priority as the achievement of financial targets.
- Respectful treatment of the most valuable assets of any company:
its employees!
- We are asking Unilever to work constructively with the workers' representatives under these conditions, because we are open to alternative solutions.