

**Question for written answer E-004081/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Market economy status (MES) for China - creation of support fund

The question of whether or not to grant market economy status to China is of crucial importance for our economy, business sector and jobs. In view of China's failure to comply with the relevant criteria, the Commission will, in line with the wishes of a large majority, presumably refuse to do so. It is therefore necessary to consider what accompanying mechanisms will be necessary.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission already prepared for the possible consequences for our corporate sector of refusal to grant market economy status to China?
2. What is the Commission's position regarding introduction of an additional tax on products dumped by China to help set up a support fund for companies that might suffer trade retaliation by that country?