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to the Commission**

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Subject: Granting China market economy status

In late July 2016, the Commission is due to announce its decision on whether or not China should be granted market economy status.

A number of economic sectors, including the iron and steel industry, have been weakened by competition from Chinese products sold at give-away – dumping – prices. There is still a need, therefore, for effective and robust trade instruments to protect EU manufacturers.

On 12 May 2016 the European Parliament adopted by an overwhelming majority a resolution calling on the Commission not to grant market economy status to China and to keep protective anti-dumping instruments in force.

What is more, the outcome of the public counter-consultation launched by a cross-party group of MEPs in mid-March makes for interesting reading. The 6000 participants, representing all sectors of the economy, categorically rejected any move to grant China market economy status.

Before announcing its final decision, will the Commission take these considerations and the potential impact on jobs in Europe into account?