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to the Commission**

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Subject: The competitiveness of the European industry with regard to the manufacture of batteries and accumulators

The European Union has set itself ambitious targets in the field of emission reduction and the fight against global warming. Given the planned restrictions, transport (particularly road transport) is among those sectors that will undergo substantial transformations in the near future.

The current electrification of passenger vehicles and perhaps, in future, of heavy goods vehicles, requires not only significant investments in the necessary charging infrastructure, but also the dynamic technological growth with regard to the manufacture of batteries and accumulators. Unfortunately, it seems that European industry cannot compete in this respect with global competitors, especially with manufacturers from China, Japan, Korea or the United States. Therefore, it is necessary to develop a horizontal strategy that would focus on new technologies and that would address the needs and opportunities of both the automotive and the chemical industry.

What actions does the Commission intend to take in order to support, to an even greater degree than is currently the case, the development of modern technologies with regard to the manufacture of batteries and accumulators in Europe?