Amendment 1
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on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

2. Stresses that CRM sourcing is tied to geographic location, which to date has been highly dependent on fossil energy, and at risk of indirect and direct carbon leakage and exposure to unfair competition; notes that CRM sourcing is often associated with potentially significant environmental impacts such as biodiversity loss or the contamination of air, soil and water, and potential conflicts with local communities; stresses the need for a transition to renewable energy in the mining and refining sectors; notes, therefore, the need for an active industry policy to support the sector in its transformation with access to affordable sources of clean energy; further notes the favourable circumstances for low-emission and sustainable mining activities in the EU and asks for sourcing possibilities in CRM-rich Member States to be further explored;
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

4. Notes that the development and future large-scale deployment of technologies, including emerging digital applications, renewable electricity generation and batteries for electric vehicles and light means of transport, will demand for certain CRMs and other raw materials; calls for it to be taken into account that rising climate and digital ambitions by countries increases competition in global markets and puts an additional strain on the security of their supply in Europe;

Amendment

4. Notes that the development and future large-scale deployment of technologies, including emerging digital applications, renewable electricity generation and batteries for electric vehicles and light means of transport, will dramatically increase demand for certain CRMs and other raw materials; calls for it to be taken into account that rising climate and digital ambitions by countries increases competition in global markets and puts an additional strain on the security of their supply in Europe;
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Amendment 3  
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Paragraph 40

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40. Asks the Commission to propose product design measures, tailored to different product categories, for the easy identification and removal of parts or components containing CRMs, especially with regard to post-consumer waste, in addition to eco-design requirements to significantly improve the longevity, durability, reparability, modularity, reusability and recyclability of end-of-life products manufactured or sold in the EU; stresses that these measures should create competitive advantages for EU businesses, should not place a disproportionate financial burden on them, and should trigger innovation;

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Or. en
Amendment 4
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50

Motion for a resolution

50. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make sure that sustainable CRM sourcing is based on an approach diligently balancing both the EU’s increased need for sustainably sourced CRMs and the need to protect nature and biodiversity;

Amendment

50. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make sure that sustainable CRM sourcing respects the need to protect nature and biodiversity, notably by banning mining in protected areas, including the seabed;

Or. en
Amendment 5
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56

56. Welcomes the Commission’s public commitment to introducing a legislative proposal on corporate due diligence and corporate accountability in 2021, and insists that this legislation contribute to addressing human rights abuses and social and environmental standards in value chains; recalls its resolution with recommendations to the Commission on corporate due diligence and corporate accountability;

56. Welcomes the Commission’s public commitment to introducing a binding legislative proposal on corporate due diligence and corporate accountability in 2021, and insists that this legislation contribute to addressing human rights abuses and social and environmental standards in value chains and in the whole subcontracting chain; recalls its resolution with recommendations to the Commission on corporate due diligence and corporate accountability;

Or. en
Amendment 6
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 70

70. Believes that EU legislation and international conventions should prevent mining from taking place in protected areas, i.e. Natura 2000 areas and Ramsar sites, other state-designated and supranational conservation areas (e.g. UNESCO world heritage sites), indigenous and community conservation areas, the deep seas and the Arctic; calls on the Commission, therefore, to consider amending the relevant articles of the Birds and Habitats Directives to achieve this objective;

Amendment

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Or. en
Amendment 7
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 75

Motion for a resolution

75. Calls on the Commission to diversify the supply sources of CRMs as much as possible, increase resource efficiency and reduce current reliance on a few non-EU countries by supporting investment which engages EU and global partners and SMEs as a part of a long-term international sourcing strategy; stresses that this goal should be achieved by strengthening existing partnerships and trade agreements and building new strategic agreements or EU joint ventures with resource-rich and other like-minded sourcing countries, in accordance with clearly defined priorities; welcomes in that sense the ongoing dialogue with Canada, Australia and Chile, aiming to strengthen trade relations in the area of CRMs; calls on the Commission to further reinforce cooperation during the next EU-US-Japan Conference on Critical Materials; emphasises the need for closer cooperation with key international suppliers in the Western Balkans, eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa, as well as with China and other developing countries in the global south;

Amendment

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