Amendment 8
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Motion for a resolution
Recital B

B. whereas the growing population and the transition towards digital, highly energy-efficient and climate-neutral economies lead in all scenarios to significantly higher demand for CRMs;  

21 World Bank, Minerals for Climate Action: The Mineral Intensity of the Clean Energy Transition; European Commission foresight study; OECD, Global Material Resources Outlook to 2060: Economic Drivers and Environmental Consequences.

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B. whereas the growing population and the transition towards digital, highly energy-efficient and climate-neutral economies lead in all scenarios to significantly higher demand for CRMs; whereas green technologies will only be primarily responsible for the future demand increase of 6 out of 30 materials on the EU’s CRM list, and other sectors – such as the defence and airspace, fertiliser, steel and robotics sectors – will play a major role in driving the demand for CRMs;  


Or. en
3. Warns that the EU’s transition to climate neutrality should not replace reliance on fossil fuels with reliance on raw materials; stresses that the transition should decrease the EU’s dependence on imported CRMs; further stresses the role that innovation, new technologies, the minimisation of resource consumption and the maintenance and reuse of valuable raw materials within the EU can play in reducing dependence on CRMs;
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Paragraph 3 a (new)  

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3a. Recalls that in its resolution of 10 February 2021 on the New Circular Economy Action Plan, it demanded science-based binding EU targets for 2030 in order to significantly reduce the EU’s material and consumption footprints and said that they should be brought within planetary boundaries by 2050 at the latest, using the indicators to be adopted by the end of 2021 as part of the updated monitoring framework;
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Paragraph 4 a (new)

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4a. Calls on the Commission to take a more objective approach to projecting future demand for CRMs, including a realistic assessment of the degree to which this demand is driven by green technologies vis-à-vis other sectors, and to frame these demand projections not only in relative, but also in absolute numbers, in order to create a realistic picture of the scale of potential supply problems;

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Or. en
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Paragraph 4 b (new)

4b. Requests that the Commission include all possible options for minimising resource consumption in its CRM demand scenarios;

Or. en
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Paragraph 16

16. Calls on the Commission to propose science-based sustainability criteria for defining what constitutes a sustainable investment in the mining sector under the Taxonomy Regulation; emphasises the need to enable the EU mining industry to contribute to the twin green and digital transitions;

16. Calls on the Commission to propose science-based and strict sustainability criteria for defining what constitutes a sustainable investment in the mining sector under the Taxonomy Regulation; stresses that all subsidies related to CRMs should abide by the do-no-harm principle, in line with the commitments of the European Green Deal; emphasises the need to enable the EU mining industry to contribute to the twin green and digital transitions;

Or. en
18. Calls on the Commission, the European Investment Bank and the other EU institutions, in cooperation with international partners, to provide technical and strategic financial support for long-term strategic CRM investment projects, including to find new tools for sharing risks in the mining sector, and to promote and support investments in research on sustainable CRM sourcing and processing and on refining sites, to make them compliant with EU rules and high social and environmental standards, thereby ensuring a level playing field;
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22. Regrets that the creation of strategic stockpiling is not yet part of the action plan and calls on the Commission to also focus on securing supplies of CRMs in the EU by encouraging Member States to carry out strategic stockpiling as part of a coordinated approach, where analysis deems it appropriate; believes that strategic stockpiling in combination with other strategic measures contributes to reducing CRM dependencies; underlines that increasing availability should go hand in hand with a decrease in demand by looking at the entire value chain – design, operation and end of life;

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22. Questions the utility of CRM stockpiling and believes that stockpiling could be counterproductive as it might discourage technological innovation in the EU that could render some CRMs obsolete; believes that stockpiling potentially obsolete CRMs could thus lead to public financial resources being wasted;

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Paragraph 42

42. Notes that while smart product design, the reuse of materials, substitution with recycled materials and promoting the reduction of materials and consumption footprints can significantly reduce primary demand, and its potential should be fully exploited, responsible and sustainable CRM sourcing with prior impact assessment to mitigate potential social and environmental impacts is needed when CRM supply cannot be kept economically viable by the measures mentioned or would lead to lower quality products;

42. Notes that smart product design, the reuse of materials, substitution with recycled materials and promoting the reduction of materials and consumption footprints can significantly reduce primary demand, and its potential should be fully exploited; stresses that responsible and sustainable CRM sourcing with prior impact assessment to mitigate potential social and environmental impacts can only be considered if and insofar as CRM demand cannot be met through the measures mentioned;

Or. en
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43

43. **Highlights** that primary and secondary sourcing in the EU is subject to the highest environmental and social standards worldwide, which have to be properly enforced, provides thousands of highly qualified jobs and is an indispensable prerequisite for the green and digital transitions; calls, therefore, on all actors to promote responsible and sustainable CRM sourcing projects in the EU to support local production and raise awareness of the environmental footprints of imports of CRMs from outside the EU; considers that this must be set through an open, transparent and science-based process, with the early involvement of relevant stakeholders and local communities;

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43. **Believes** that primary and secondary sourcing in the EU should be subject to the highest environmental and social standards worldwide, which have to be properly enforced, provides thousands of highly qualified jobs and is an indispensable prerequisite for the green and digital transitions; calls, therefore, on all actors to promote responsible and sustainable CRM sourcing projects in the EU to support local production and raise awareness of the environmental footprints of imports of CRMs from outside the EU; considers that this must be set through an open, transparent and science-based process, with the early involvement of relevant stakeholders and local communities;

Or. en