Amendment 27
Hildegard Bentele
on behalf of the PPE Group

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A European strategy for critical raw materials
(2021/2011(INI))

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;**

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70. **Notes the challenges and risks associated with mining in protected areas, i.e. Natura 2000 areas, and believes that mining in these areas should remain tightly restricted; underlines that mining in protected areas is subject to the conditions laid down in the Birds and Habitats Directives and stresses that any new mining or extractive project must undergo a thorough environmental impact assessment in order to minimise its environmental impact; calls on the Member States and the mining industry, in line with the polluter pays principle, to take appropriate conservation measures to maintain and restore to a favourable conservation status the habitats and species for which the site has been designated; highlights, in this regard, the Commission’s guidance document on non-energy mineral extraction in relation to Natura 2000\(^1\) as well as its respective case studies and best practices;**

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Paragraph 72

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72. Calls on the **Commission to consider legislative options** in line with the Espoo and Aarhus Conventions to ensure that local authorities adopt and enforce the right of local communities to effective and inclusive participation in permit procedures for new mining prospecting and extraction projects, throughout all stages of mining projects and when permit requests for the extension of existing mines are submitted, and to ensure that local communities have the right of recourse to effective redress mechanisms governed by independent courts and oversight bodies free from any conflict of interest;

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72. Calls on the **Member States**, in line with the Espoo and Aarhus Conventions, to ensure the right to **early and effective participation** in decision-making during the preparation, modification or review of permit procedures for new mining prospecting and extraction projects; stresses the importance of ensuring that during permit procedures, due account is taken of the outcome of public participation; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure adequate access to information, participation and justice;

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