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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the environmental, health and humanitarian consequences of rare metals
extraction

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the environmental, health and humanitarian consequences of rare metals extraction

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Paris Agreement, adopted on 12 December 2015,– having regard to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,
 - having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/631 of the European Parliament and of the Council, which establishes electric engines as the preferred successor to internal combustion engines for passenger cars by 2035,
 - having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the design of batteries in electrically powered vehicles requires the extraction of rare metals, mainly lithium and cobalt;
- B. whereas this process is highly polluting, in particular due to water overconsumption, the release of heavy metals and the dispersion of fine and radioactive particles;
- C. whereas this process also has health and humanitarian consequences, in particular through the use of child labour, the steady increase in diseases in mining areas and the forced displacement of populations;
1. Calls on the Commission to introduce without delay a moratorium on the extraction of rare metals in third countries, in view of their environmental, health and humanitarian consequences;
 2. Calls for the pollution caused by the extraction of rare metals to be taken into account in the carbon balance of so-called ‘zero emission’ vehicles.