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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the protection of critical infrastructure in Europe

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the protection of critical infrastructure in Europe

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the global competitors of the EU Member States, particularly the People's Republic of China, seek to create and exploit economic dependencies by acquiring critical infrastructure;
- B. whereas Chinese corporations in particular are not only focused on profits, but are also notorious for their interference in the economic structures (e.g. the electricity supply or telecommunication system) of their trading partners, including using labour law violations to exert influence;
- C. whereas four of the five largest ports in the EU already have a Chinese stakeholder (COSCO);
- D. whereas the protection of critical infrastructure falls within the competence of the Member States;
 - 1. Calls on the Commission to monitor the sale of critical infrastructure, whether by the public or private sector, in order to protect the internal market and to strengthen supply chains;
 - 2. Calls on the Commission to assist Member States in guaranteeing a binding blocking stake during the sale of critical infrastructure;
 - 3. Calls on the Commission, when monitoring the sale of critical infrastructure, to not only look at each case individually, but also at the entirety of all critical infrastructure in order to avoid the rise of third-country monopolies.