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to the Commission**

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Subject: Trading relationship with China

The EU's trading relationship with China appears in many respects to be severely lopsided. Whereas, according to Commission figures from 2012, 85% of European public procurement procedures are decided by international competition, China's procedures are such that European firms are, to all intents and purposes, barred. As well as shutting rivals out, China is engaging in unfair competition by massively subsidising state-owned companies competing with our European companies, especially in the rail sector. Lastly, the fact that its economy is sealed off in this way means that China, whose gross domestic product (GDP) is equivalent to that of the EU, is investing five times as much in the EU as the EU invests in China.

- Can the Commission give an update showing how far Chinese public procurement is open to European firms?
- Can it say how it will bring greater reciprocity to EU-China trading relations, not least where public procurement is concerned?