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Subject: Model of economic deglobalisation

The current healthcare crisis casts doubt on the liberal economic model chosen by the EU, which is based on free trade and a completely open policy of trade agreements with 72 countries - agreements which, more often than not, are both unfair and onerous for national economies and companies alike.

The coronavirus epidemic should make us question our dependence on the Chinese market to which we have entrusted certain segments of our economy that are of strategic importance for our security and sovereignty.

This policy is in contrast to the protectionist policy in the US, which increasingly often uses national security as an argument to refuse foreign investment or to exclude certain equipment or companies that could unfairly compete against national flagships.

According to the World Trade Organization's Chief Economist, we should envisage a 're-regionalisation', or a 'nearshoring' - a far more interesting solution as the various carbon taxes mean higher transport costs.

Does the Commission plan to review its trade policy in accordance with Article 207 TFEU in order to encourage certain types of production to be repatriated according to the deglobalisation model mentioned above?