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to the Commission
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Subject: Strategic plan to support Europe's manufacturing sectors

The COVID-19 pandemic is threatening the competitiveness and viability of European production sectors, which are highly embedded in global supply chains and heavily dependent on exports and international markets.

Europe is the world's largest export bloc and SMEs produce 80% of the manufactured goods we export. In the current health crisis, many of our companies will go to the wall if we do not have a strategic plan to recover our productive sectors' competitive advantage. Otherwise there will be serious repercussions for supply networks, leading to the breakdown of production chains.

Since we must learn from the mistakes of the past and consider the future in order to minimise the damage in essential sectors:

1. Does the Commission intend to draw up a strategic impact plan to ascertain, in each sector, what is really required and what needs to be done?
2. What specific support will it provide to those sectors most dependent on exports and global supply chains in order to maintain competitiveness and stop investors from fleeing towards other markets?