

**Question for written answer E-005133/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of steel wind towers originating in China

Renewable energies are key to combating climate change, they create high-quality employment and are a driving force for development in depopulated areas. Losing this industry would be a threat to our climate objectives, have a very negative socioeconomic impact and damage our strategic autonomy.

In this context, there are concerns about the Directorate-General for Trade's investigation of Case AD674¹ with regard to the anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of steel wind towers from China. China's unfair trading practices pose a serious threat to this industry in Spain, which produces 50% of Europe's steel wind towers, supports over 3 000 families and has already been forced to close production plants in Navarra.

In May 2021, the Directorate-General for Trade decided not to impose provisional measures despite the seriousness of the case, so there is concern that the final decision will be insufficient to ensure that fair competition is restored.

1. Why did the Commission not impose provisional measures in May 2021?
2. What action is the Commission taking to prevent China from dominating this market and to support the European renewable energy industry?

¹ https://trade.ec.europa.eu/tdi/case_details.cfm?id=2488