

**Question for written answer E-000277/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Reaction to China's ban on exports of strategic technologies in the renewable energy sector

The green transition being strongly promoted by the Commission is based on the capacity of EU countries to invest heavily in the construction of various renewable energy sources, including photovoltaic plants. The ability to build and maintain these plants is being hindered primarily by the shortage of silicon wafers. In fact, China produces 97% of these components. China's Minister for Commerce and Minister for Science and Technology have announced that the country could soon ban exports of the technologies used to produce these components in order to keep a firm grip on its lead in this sector and take a sledgehammer to the attempts of the EU and the US to develop their own production chains.

In view of the above:

1. How will the Commission react if this happens?
2. In the Commission's view, how will the EU be able to react quickly to such a ban and develop an independent industry in order to limit China's supremacy?
3. Does the Commission anticipate another trade war with China if such a ban is implemented?

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