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**Subject:** Impact study on dependence on critical raw materials

On 11 December 2019, the European Commission presented the 'European Green Deal' to make Europe the first climate-neutral continent by 2050, while also introducing an intermediate target to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels.

The 'Fit for 55' package gave full expression to the EU's approach, which has potentially devastating effects on European industry and on security of supply for the continent. Current European policies risk causing Europe's dependence on value chains controlled by third countries, first and foremost China, which controls more than 90% of available rare earths and copper stocks and 77% of the global solar panel industry, as well as monopolising the lithium market.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to conduct an impact study on the supply of raw materials, particularly from value chains controlled by China, to avoid dependence and exposure of its own production capacity?
2. Does the Commission believe that supply of the raw materials needed for the 'green' transition should be considered essential for the strategic security of the Union?

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