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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

on a European strategy for critical raw materials
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(*) Associated committee – Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Recalls its demand in its resolution of 10 February 2021 on the New Circular Economy Action Plan¹ for binding EU reduction targets for primary raw materials use; requests that the Commission include all possible options to minimise resource consumption in its demand scenarios for critical raw materials (CRM);
2. Asks the Commission to set ambitious product design requirements for easy removal of CRMs; calls for ambitious minimum recycled CRM content targets; requests that the Commission propose new collection schemes to increase collection rates of waste products containing CRMs; asks the Commission to propose dedicated recycling targets for CRMs, by extending the approach suggested in the proposal for a regulation on batteries and waste batteries (COM(2020)0798) to other product groups;
3. Calls on the Commission and the European Raw Materials Alliance to prioritise CRM extraction from existing mines and waste dumps over new mining; requests that the Commission assess whether current due diligence and environment rules are sufficient to guarantee minimal environmental impact of potential new mining projects in the EU;
4. Believes that mining permits should include requirements for the proper recovery of all CRMs; requests that the Commission urgently implement Parliament's demands in its resolution of 27 April 2017 on implementation of the Mining Waste Directive²;
5. Encourages a comprehensive assessment of the mining sector's inclusion in the scope of the Industrial Emissions Directive;
6. Believes that mining should be forbidden in nature conservation areas; calls on the Commission to evaluate legislative options to ensure that local communities are fully involved in the permit procedures for new industrial and new mining projects.

¹ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0040.

² OJ C 298, 23.8.2018, p. 132.