MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure

on rare earths

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on rare earths

The European Parliament,


– having regard to the report on an Industrial Policy for the Globalised Era (2010/2095(INI)),

– having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas rare earths are used in the production of monitors, mobile phones and other appliances in daily use, and whereas they are essential for the manufacture of high-performance permanent magnets used in wind turbines, electric vehicles, catalytic converters for cars, circuits, optical fibre and high-temperature superconductors,

B. whereas the EU is fully dependent on imports of raw materials, and whereas the demand for raw materials will be driven by future developments in emerging economies and the rapid dissemination of key enabling technologies,

C. whereas, unlike electricity, raw materials and rare earths are traded globally, the markets for certain raw materials and rare earths are less transparent and trading volumes are very low compared with those for other materials,

D. whereas the mining, refining and recycling of rare earths has serious environmental consequences if not managed properly,

1. Calls on the Commission to update the list of raw materials regularly in order to take account of market and technological developments;

2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to focus their efforts on the proper recycling of rare earths.