

**Question for written answer E-015926/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Granting market economy status to China

It is vitally important that the EU should not be an accomplice in a disaster that would be the ruin of millions of families in Europe. China, by definition and for obvious reasons, is not a market economy. It is worth highlighting, however, the blatant submission of the institutions and the complicity of certain Member States, not to mention the fact that granting market economy status (MES) to China would be a fatal blow to the already precarious Italian economy.

It is essential to defend Europe's industrial and manufacturing sector, especially in the light of the dramatic estimates of job losses in Europe that the granting of MES to China would cause. The issue also has legal implications, since China wants such MES recognition to be automatic, while others do not take the same view at all. This would therefore require a proposal from the Commission, which would then be submitted to the Council and Parliament.

Europe is called on to defend its citizens; the EU must not, therefore, pursue the path of power and the market, also in view of the fact that the 28 Member States will have only one voice at the WTO.

Can the Commission therefore say what action it intends to take to prevent the voices endorsing automatic MES recognition from prevailing over those calling for the defence of EU citizens?

What action is it taking to ensure that China is not granted automatic MES?