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| **Title:** | **AM-34-2 to Res 1. : EUROPE IS NOT FOR SALE – For a sovereign, just and democratic Europe** |
| **Tabled by:** | Bündnis90/Die Grünen |

**Demands**

**From line 33 to 36:**

We demand investment in green industries, sustainable infrastructure and a circular economy that creates jobs and keeps value in Europe. ~~European industry must be protected from imports undermining environmental, social and labour standards. We reject deregulation and a race to the bottom.~~ To finance this, Europe needs a permanent common investment capacity building on NextGenerationEU, new own resources for the EU budget, and fiscal rules that enable investments in climate and social cohesion. It should support technologies, not individual champions. Europe should pool its demand for key intermediate products and limit dependence on any single supplier country. That way, producers in Europe can count on stable volumes, and value chains can return step by step. European industry must be protected from dumping, unfair subsidies and economic coercion, whether from China or the US. We reject a race to the bottom on standards – while we want to make rules fairer, simpler and faster.

**Explanation / Comment**

**Justification 1:** Investment demands without a financing answer are not credible. The amendment closes this gap and is consistent with the resolution “A budget for a sovereign Europe”.

**Justification 2:** Investment alone does not bring industry back. Europe needs a clean-tech industrial policy that supports technologies rather than single companies and pools demand for key intermediate products with limits on dependence on any single supplier country. Reliable volumes are what producers need to invest in Europe.

**Justification 3:** “Imports undermining standards” is vague and reads as protectionism. The real threats are dumping, distorting subsidies and economic coercion – from China and increasingly from the US. Naming them makes the demand precise.

**Justification 4:** A blanket rejection of “deregulation” puts Greens on the defensive against legitimate calls for simpler procedures. The amendment holds the line on standards while making clear that we want rules that are fairer, simpler and faster, for example for permitting renewables and grids.