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Subject: Recognition of market economy status for China: current state of play and potential impact

On 18 September 2015, the Economic Policy Institute published a study highlighting the socio-economic consequences of granting market economy status to China. The report estimated that such a move would result in the loss of 3.5 million jobs in the EU, and a net loss for the European economy of up to 2 % of GDP. This disastrous scenario would bring millions of European families to their knees.

1. In light of this, can the Commission clarify what the next steps are likely to be in this regard?
2. Has it conducted an impact assessment of the socio-economic consequences of granting market economy status to China and is it aware of this study and of other studies on the consequences of recognising China as a market economy?
3. What is the position of the Commission on this issue?