

**Question for written answer E-002722/2023  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Alarming rise in Chinese solar modules imported into the European market and offered at prices below production costs

The prices of photovoltaic (PV) modules have declined significantly in 2023. Particularly concerning is the closure of the US and Indian PV markets to Chinese imports, owing to the imposition of import tariffs and the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act in the USA. The EU currently stands as one of the few major markets that are fully open to Chinese modules. This situation poses a significant threat to the European solar industry, for which European legislation against forced labour may come too late.

1. How is an analysis of the causes of the oversupply of Chinese PV modules on the European market and the resulting price pressure guiding the Commission's actions?
2. What plans does the Commission have to launch measures in response to this phenomenon under the EU's anti-dumping and anti-subsidy regulations and its rules ensuring human rights protection in trade?
3. How does the Commission intend to strengthen the public procurement of EU-made solar modules, both in the short term (i.e. through emergency acquisitions) and in the medium term?

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