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## China/tariffs: Quote from Bas Eickhout MEP

Commenting on today's decision on tariffs against China, **Bas Eickhout**, co-chair of the Greens/EFA group, said:

*“It is good that the EU paves the way for taking action. At the same time, tariffs can never be the only course of action - our lack of a serious industrial policy has brought us here and in the long term our car industry will only thrive with certainty around policies, a clear roadmap on the transition and investments in the workforce. Tariffs should be used to counter unfair competition on environmental and social practices and not purely as a tool for protectionism. Ultimately we need competitive European car industry that drives innovation and green tech.”*

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