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to the Commission**

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Subject: Gold as a strategic raw material

The list of strategic raw materials under the Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA) plays a key role in strengthening Europe's self-sufficiency and strategic autonomy. There are therefore good reasons to regularly review which raw materials are included in the list, in order to ensure that it remains aligned with the EU's strategic needs and industrial priorities.

In the current geopolitical and economic context, the price of gold has risen significantly over the past year. The EU has domestic gold production and several Member States including Sweden, Finland and Greece, host known gold deposits and resources. Gold extraction is also often associated with other strategically important metals, such as cobalt and tungsten, meaning that increased gold mining could also support the supply of these materials.

Furthermore, gold is classified as a conflict mineral, which may strengthen the case for increasing responsible domestic production within the EU.

Against this background:

1. Does the Commission consider it appropriate to include gold as a strategic raw material under the CRMA in order to enhance the EU's strategic autonomy and support mining activity within the EU?
2. Does the Commission consider increased gold extraction within the EU to be of strategic importance?

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