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to the Commission
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Subject: Overcapacity in Chinese production and consequences for the European automotive market

Production and domestic demand in the Chinese automotive sector are currently severely out of balance. In August 2026, car sales in China fell by 23.7 % compared with the previous year, while exports grew by 77.5 % to 894 000 vehicles in the same month.

These figures show that an increasing share of Chinese production is destined for foreign markets. The drop in domestic demand, coupled with China's substantial production capacity, could therefore lead to yet more cars being exported, including to Europe.

The EU has already introduced tariffs on imports of Chinese electric vehicles, but the swift increase in exports raises new questions about its ability to protect the European market from potential imbalances.

In the light of the above:

1. How does the Commission intend to deal with the potential increase in Chinese cars destined for the European market?
2. Given the growth in Chinese exports, does it think that the tariffs and other instruments currently in force are sufficient?
3. Will it consider further measures to prevent repercussions for the automotive market and for European manufacturers?

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