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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The proposal for the Industrial Accelerator Act¹ seeks to establish a framework of measures to accelerate industrial capacity and decarbonisation in strategic sectors, while strengthening the EU's long-term resilience and prosperity.

Article 11 requires contracting authorities and entities, for the specific procurement procedures covered by the Industrial Accelerator Act, to exclude from procurement procedures falling within its scope tenders submitted by economic operators owned or controlled by an entity established in a third country that has not concluded an international agreement with the EU guaranteeing such access. The provision is targeted and does not constitute a general exclusion from the EU market or from public procurement outside the scope of Article 11. It seeks to ensure reciprocity, avoid circumvention through EU-based subsidiaries and support resilient industrial capacity in strategic sectors. The Commission assessed the economic and social impacts of the proposal as a whole.

The Commission recognises the contribution of foreign-owned companies to EU employment, investment and innovation. It considers that a limited ownership-based requirement in strategic procurement can support competitiveness by addressing asymmetric market access and strategic dependencies. The proposal remains subject to negotiations by the European Parliament and the Council.

¹ https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/publications/industrial-accelerator-act_en.