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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

for the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

on the implementation of the Updated New Industrial Strategy for Europe:
aligning spending to policy
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection calls on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Recalls that the new Industrial Strategy was updated to reflect the lessons learned from COVID-19, and that this strategy will be key to enhancing EU competitiveness and overcoming future challenges; recalls that a strong governance system and market surveillance are essential in order to relaunch the single market; calls on the Commission to focus on ensuring that the industrial strategy helps remove single market barriers and avoid further fragmentation;
2. Acknowledges the European standardisation strategy and underlines that standards are essential for a well-functioning single market, global competitiveness and the green and digital transitions;
3. Underlines the need to strengthen the competitiveness of SMEs and industry by addressing supply risks, dependencies, disruptions and vulnerabilities, especially in the green and digital economies; stresses that effective public procurement will lead to more jobs, growth and innovative investments;
4. Reiterates the need to enhance European strategic autonomy by investing in skills, digital infrastructures and key technologies such as AI, cybersecurity, 5G and 6G, microprocessors and semiconductors, high-performance computing and quantum technologies;
5. Recalls the commitments to increase R&D investments to 3 % of GDP and to develop a single market for research and innovation; underlines that industrial alliances and public-private partnerships are important to develop breakthrough technologies; calls on the Commission to ensure consistency and synergy in all initiatives, funding and regulatory instruments supporting industry;
6. Recalls that in addition to vertical ecosystems, there is a need to have horizontal approaches, such as on enabling technologies, and that the digital ecosystem must be integrated with all other industrial ecosystems horizontally.