

Ä51 to PP2-III: FYEG Political Platform - A Sustainable Europe

Proposers

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Political Platform text

Insert from line 56 to 57:

expense of the populations of the countries in which those minerals can be found.

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Delete from line 197 to 215:

~~Technological innovation and new technologies can bring about substantial positive change in society. Progress in the medical sector, in digital technologies, in energy production, and in the development of clean vehicles is crucial to fight the ongoing crises Europe is facing.~~

~~Technological progress is not always a synonym for social and societal progress. We are firmly attached to the precautionary principle, meaning that innovations should be assessed thoroughly and should be proven harmless for the environment, human health, and society as a whole before being authorised. Uncertainty should not be used as a reason to postpone measures to prevent environmental degradation or preserve public health. New innovations should be open to scientific and public assessment to determine their potential costs and benefits.~~

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Reason

The majority of the text of "Rethinking our relationship to progress" text is regressionary, and if ever read by any voter would probably scare them off. To this end, we have moved the salvagable parts to the general section on climate and deleted the rest.