Taxes: taxation of passenger cars calculated on the basis of their emissions of carbon dioxide

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The Council held a policy debate on a proposal for a directive on passenger car-related taxation, aimed at ensuring a better operation of the EU single market in the automobile sector and helping to reduce CO2 emissions.

The debate revealed a convergence of views on the need to use fiscal measures in passenger car taxation for the purpose of discouraging environmentally damaging behaviour. However, different views were expressed on how to achieve this objective, in particular on the need for a Community initiative in this field.

The Presidency, together with the Commission, will consider how to proceed with the dossier.