Interim report on the inquiry into emission measurements in the automotive sector

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The Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector adopted the interim report by Pablo ZALBA BIDEGAIN (EPP, ES) and Gerben-Jan GERBANDY (ADLE, NL) on the inquiry into emission measurements in the automotive sector.

To recall, on 17 December 2015, the European Parliament decided to set up a Committee of Inquiry of 45 Members to investigate alleged contraventions or maladministration in the application of Union law in relation to emission measurements in the automotive sector, without prejudice to the jurisdiction of national or Union courts.

The Committee's investigation has to focus on the compliance by the Commission and Member States' authorities with the obligations imposed by Regulation (EC) No 715/2007, with particular regard to its Articles 5(2), 5(3), 13(1), 13(2) and 14(3).

Furthermore, the EMIS Committee is called to collect and analyse information to ascertain whether the Commission and the Member States had evidence of the use of defeat mechanisms, as well as to collect and analyse information on the implementation by the Member States of Directive 2007/46/EC.

Lastly, the Committee is required to make any recommendations that it deems necessary in the matter.

The mandate of the EMIS Committee foresees that the committee of inquiry present an interim report within six months and a final report within 12 months of starting its work.

This interim report called on the European Parliament to **encourage the Committee of Inquiry to pursue its work** and to implement fully its mandate and that it supports all the actions and initiatives leading to the accomplishment of the mandate.

The report called on the Commission to ensure prompt support and full transparency in assisting the work of the Committee of Inquiry, with full respect for the principle of loyal cooperation, providing all the technical and political support possible, in particular through swifter submission of requested documentation.

It also called on the governments, parliaments and competent authorities of Member States to assist the Committee of Inquiry in its tasks.