Tax on carbon dioxide emissions CO_2 and energy

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The Presidency gave the Council a progress report on the discussions in its competent bodies on the CO_2 /energy tax. On that basis, the Council held an exchange of views, which confirmed that substantial differences of view remained, in particular regarding the guidelines to be followed in the medium and long term on the taxing of energy products. At the end of the debate, the Presidency indicated that it would take the necessary steps to finish the technical work on the transitional solution, so that it could present to the Council a compromise text acceptable to all Member States regarding the medium and long term arrangements. According to the Presidency's information, this text should, in particular, provide for: - preparation of a report by the Commission on the implementation of the Directive and on the extent to which the objectives set in terms of CO_2 emissions were met; - an examination, in the same report, of the relationship between the CO_2/energy tax and excise duty on mineral oils and the possibilities of having a combined approach for these taxes; - presentation by the Commission of proposals defining the tax regime to be applied to energy products and engaging the Council to act by a given date.