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Mr Barton (PSE , UK) said that the problem had been created by a minority and that the solution lay in the banning of illegal equipment, which was something that the Council should agree to include in the Directive. The rapporteur stressed that they could not support the position adopted by the Council, which had failed to accept the main body of Parliament’s proposals at first reading. He was of the view that the directive should not be allowed to threaten a low-polluting and cheap form of transport. Mr Bangemann held that this whole issue had become too wide-ranging and now had to be ring-fenced. The Commission was unable to take over the amendments, which went beyond the limits of that which the Council had already accepted. Consequently, it was in a position to agree to Amendments Nos 6, 7 and 13 to 19, which reverted to the initial text put forward by the Commission, whose position, the Commissioner recalled, was half-way between the tough stance being taken by the Council and the position being adopted by Parliament.