Air pollution: emissions from motor vehicles, Auto-oil programme (amend. Directive 70/220 /EEC)

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The rapporteur called for a reduction in emissions and an improvement in fuel quality. He wanted binding values for 2005 and the introduction of an emissions monitoring system and an on-board diagnostics system. He also warned against the campaigning carried out by intermediaries from the oil industry in an attempt to dissuade Parliament. Commissioner Bjerregaard agreed with setting binding emission limits for 2000 and guideline standards for 2005. She added that the Commission and Parliament shared the same objectives and that any differences only concerned the means of achieving these. Commissioner Bangemann confirmed that the Commission would not accept any amendments which it had rejected at first reading. In his opinion, the Auto/Oil principles had been accepted by all the European institutions but certain amendments tabled by Parliament did not correspond to these principles. However, the Commissioner accepted the following amendments: Nos 4, 11, 49, 50, 51 and 53 (in full); Nos 5, 9, 15, 31, 54 and 69 (in part).