Air pollution: ozone in ambient air, emission ceilings

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The Council integrated into its common position 10 amendments of the European Parliament relating to the following: cooperation with accession countries; cooperation between Member States; enviromental and health protection; informing the public of the investigations and the results of action plans; checking meteorological conditions; recent scientific research on human health; accession candidates and trans-border pollution and climate change. The Council partly accepted 4 amendments relating to defining the pollution level; gearing the action plans to the specificities of each case and each place; reporting to the Commission and publishing information. The Council rejected 3 of the European Parliament's amendments relating to the following: involving candidate countries in the development of the Community strategy to abate ozone pollution; fixing the year 2020 as the year by which long-term objectives must be attained and finally, the obligation to supply to the population certain information when the exceedance of the information or alert threshold is predicted.