

Air pollution: scheme to monitor the average emissions of carbon dioxide CO₂ from new passenger cars

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The committee adopted the recommendation for second reading (codecision procedure) by Mrs Laura GONZÁLEZ ÁLVAREZ (EUL/NGL, E) amending the Council's common position. The report welcomed the fact that a number of Parliament's amendments tabled at first reading had been taken up by the Council but regretted that the common position had failed to take account of other points introduced by Parliament, in particular the amendments calling for light commercial vehicles (LCVs) to be covered by the monitoring scheme. The committee therefore adopted an amendment calling for the Community strategy for reducing CO₂ emissions and the monitoring systems to be extended to cover all motor vehicles. It also addressed the issue of voluntary agreements with the automobile industry, adopting an amendment urging the Commission to put forward as soon as possible a legal framework for the agreement entered into with car manufacturers' organisations, including measures to be taken should the agreement fail to work.