Air pollution: reduction of CO_2 emissions from passengers cars, Community strategy

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OBJECTIVE: the Commission communication aims to define a global strategy for reducing CO2 emissions from cars. CONTENT: the Commission considers that the best way to implement Community action to reduce CO2 emissions from private cars by reducing fuel consumption is to combine four elements: - an agreement with the European automobile industry and importers of cars into the European Union in which they undertake to attain precise objectives for CO2 emissions from new cars sold after a certain date; this agreement would incorporate control arrangements; - tax incentives to encourage consumers to buy models which consume less fuel, with tax incentives to promote cars with particularly low fuel consumption to be incorporated in a future global Community initiative on vehicle taxes; - better information for consumers on CO2 emissions in the form of a suitable labeling system; - special RDT efforts to promote motor vehicles with low emissions and no CO2 emissions under the aegis of the ad hoc working party on the "car of tomorrow".