Atmospheric pollution, CO_2 and greenhouse gas emissions: monitoring mechanism (amend. Decision 93/389/EEC)

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The Commission's modified proposal takes account fully, partly or in principle of 11 amendments adopted by Parliament at first reading. The main amendments made to the initial proposal seek to: - reiterate the aim of the decision, namely a substantial reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in the coming decades; - stress that the monitoring mechanism is an essential instrument in the assessment of the implementation of policies and climate change related measures; - delete the words 'at the latest from the first updating' in the article requiring each Member State to include certain information in its national programme; - provide for compulsory assessment of the effects of policies and measures between the base year and 2005, between the base year and 2010 and between the base year and regular intervals thereafter; this assessment should be made on the basis of standard procedural guidelines; - replace the words 'ozone precursors' with 'pollutants which affect the tropospheric ozone'; - propose that best estimates for emissions projects be provided on the basis of standard procedural guidelines; - call on the Commission to take further steps to ensure the comparability and transparency of national measurement and compilation methods and take into consideration the need for a clear framework presenting common modelling guidelines; - provide that the Member States forward their national programmes within three months of adoption by the Council of the Commission proposal and for an evaluation within six months of the reception of the national programmes; - specify that the Commission must report to Parliament and the Council annually, even if the data received from the Member States are incomplete (in this case the report must indicate this absence of data); - amend the role of the committee provided for under Decision 93/389/EEC, replacing the regulatory committee (Procedure IIIa) with an advisory committee (Procedure I).