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

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At second reading under cooperation procedure, the decision on common position 50/98/EC adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a Council Decision amending Decision 93/389/EEC for a monitoring mechanism of Community CO2 and other green house gas emissions was approved by the European Parliament. This report by James Fitzsimons (UPE,EI) amends the common position, notably in the following areas: - underlining that the Kyoto protocol requires Annex I parties to have made demonstrable progress in achieving their commitments under the Protocol by 2005; - making stricter requirements as regards national inventories and reporting; - specifying that the committee assisting the Commission will be of an advisory nature; - deleting reference, in relation to the advisory committee, to voting requirements laid down in Article 148(2) of the Treaty; - making provision for the committee's opinion to be recorded in the minutes, as well as the opinions of Member States, if requested by them; - requiring the Commission to take the utmost account of the committee's opinion.