Air pollution: emissions from motor vehicles, Auto-oil programme (amend. Directive 70/220 /EEC)

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In adopting the report by Mr Bernd LANGE (PSE, D), the European Parliament calls for a two-stage approach to the imposition of binding (and not simply indicative) emission limits as from 2000 and 2005. It advocates tax incentives to encourage immediate compliance with stricter limits on pollutant emissions, the replacement of old vehicles or the retrofitting of anti-pollution devices, stricter emission control procedures and the promotion of substitute fuels. As regards public and collective passenger transport and the distribution of goods in urban areas, it calls for 10% of the vehicles concerned to use renewable energy sources as fuel. Parliament calls on the Commission to put forward, by 31 December 1998 at the latest, an amended proposal regulating the reduction of CO2 emissions which would make mandatory: - as from 1 January 2005, the 5-litre average car for new petrol cars and the 4.5-litre average car for new diesel cars; - as from 1 January 2010, the 3-litre average car for new petrol and diesel cars. The Commission is also asked to submit, by 1 January 1998 at the latest, a report on the development of on-board diagnostic systems on the basis of which it will submit a proposal for an addition to this directive.