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

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In adopting the report by Mr James FITZSIMONS (UPE, IRL), Parliament hoped to strengthen the mechanism proposed by the European Commission to monitor CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions. It called on the Member States to report each year on the cumulative emissions of each greenhouse gas since 1990, as well as their projected cumulative emissions of each gas for each year over the periods up to 2005, 2010 and 2020. It recommended the 'gas by gas' approach rather than the 'basket approach'. It considered that the European Commission should adopt additional provisions to ensure the comparability and transparency of national measurement and compilation methods, define common modelling guidelines and present a report each year to the Parliament and the Council, mentioning Member States who had not submitted the required data. Finally, it recommended that the Commission be assisted by an advisory Committee.