

Air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions: monitoring mechanism and implementation of the Kyoto Protocol

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Guido SACCONI (PES, Italy) making several amendments to the Commission's proposals. Parliament has deleted the provision stating that 1995 will be the base year for measuring emissions reduction. A number of other amendments were adopted on monitoring and measurement. In addition: - the Community's national registry may be used to hold ERUs and CERs generated by projects funded by the Community, thereby providing a stimulus for Community action in third countries to address climate change more widely, and may be maintained in a consolidated system together with Member States' registries; - each Member State must prepare a report on the demonstration of progress achieved by 2005, and submit this to UNFCCC Secretariat by 1 January 2006; - the Community and each Member State must submit a report on the additional period for fulfilling commitments upon the expiry of that period. Parliament did not vote through several committee amendments, notably those relating to Member States that fail to fulfil reporting obligations as well and the need for a guide to good practice. Progress reports will be made on a two yearly basis, as originally required in the Commission proposal.