

Air pollution : national emission ceilings for pollutant gas (SO₂, NO_x, NH₃, VOCs)

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution on the joint text. This resolution sets tight national ceilings to be met by Member States for four key atmospheric pollutants. In a victory for Parliament, 2020 is set as the benchmark date for achieving the long-term goal of keeping within critical limits and protecting people against the health risks caused by air pollution. 2010 is the interim target date for achieving the binding limits set out for each Member State. Lastly, the Commission shall report in 2004 and 2008 on the progress being made in meeting the targets. It must also examine the pollution caused by aviation and shipping.