

Deputy Permanent Representative of
the Kingdom of The Netherlands
to the European Union



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Dear Mr. La Via,

On 3 February the European Parliament has planned a vote in its plenary session on a draft Commission Regulation introducing real driving emission (RDE) limits for light duty vehicles. This vote will have an important effect on the air quality in the European Union and is eagerly awaited by the Council, the European citizens and the automotive industry, since it will affect all of us.

In this context the Commission has drafted a non-paper regarding the subject of emissions from motor vehicles, outlining its new proposal for a Regulation on the EU type approval framework for motor vehicles. In the note, the Commission has also expressed its intention to make use of the revision clause in the draft Commission Regulation on RDE limits. And in addition, the Commission has made some suggestions on possible ways forward on the Euro 5/6 file (the Dess-report). In today's Permanent Representatives Committee (part I) meeting the Member States have discussed these Commission initiatives. We have taken due note of the Commission's intentions and of the statement the Commission intends to issue regarding comprehensive and efficient emission testing in the EU. We warmly welcome the readiness of the Commission to contribute to a constructive solution.

In today's meeting the Permanent Representatives Committee (part I) has also discussed Council's role in this context. I am happy to inform you that there was broad support for the Presidency to continue working closely with you in order to find a

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compromise on the Euro 5/6 file without delay, building on some of the ideas set out in the Commission non-paper. My colleagues and I are ready to explore all possibilities to adopt the RDE conformity factors with an appropriate role for the European Parliament.

I would therefore like to conclude by reiterating the statement of Minister Sharon Dijksma when she appeared before your Committee on 14 January, that the Netherlands Presidency is looking forward to an intense and close cooperation with the European Parliament with the aim of reaching agreement on this file as soon as possible. Please be assured that my staff and I are ready to continue preparations with you and your staff at your earliest convenience in order to resume the negotiations on the Euro 5/6 file.

Yours sincerely,



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