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## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**Subject: Petition No 0900/2016 by F. K. (Austrian) on behalf of Food & Water Europe, bearing 732 signatures, on taking action against a multinational oil company for climate change**

### 1. Summary of petition

The petitioner, together with the co-signatories, would like the European Parliament to take action against a multinational oil company for its climate change denial. The petitioner informs the Committee on Petitions about ongoing investigation in the United States on the same issue. The petitioner also lists adverse effects of the climate change and its denial on environment, public health, agriculture, water sources, tourism, energy policy or transport policy.

### 2. Admissibility

Declared admissible on 23 January 2017. Information requested from Commission under Rule 216(6).

### 3. Commission reply, received on 2 May 2017

Misinformation about climate change, while deplorable, is not in itself a breach of EU law.

The best response to climate scepticism is to pursue the current actions and ensure the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions.

This is what the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) have done in December 2015 by adopting the Paris Agreement. They have sent a clear signal to all stakeholders, investors, businesses, civil society and policy-makers that the global transition to clean energy is here to stay and resources have to shift away from fossil fuels.

The Commission will continue working to promote ambitious global action through the UNFCCC and other international fora, bilateral relations with non-EU countries, policies and initiatives at EU and international level, as well as finance to support developing countries in their efforts to tackle climate change.

### Conclusion

In view of the above mentioned observations, the Commission does not plan to take action with regard to the issue raised by the petitioner.

#### **4. Commission reply (REV.), received on 31 October 2017**

The Commission has examined the additional correspondence received from the petitioner and concluded that there are no new elements that are likely to change the conclusion expressed in its initial communication.

The Commission does not plan to take action with regard to the issue raised by the petitioner.