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Proposal for a directive**Recital 31 b (new)***Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

(31b) In order to preserve the integrity of this Directive, the Commission should tackle the regulatory gaps at Union level, which are then reflected at national level, whereby every form of geothermal energy exploitation is considered contributing to tackling climate change, even when geothermal power plants release greenhouse gases and other substances from underground fluids and other subsoil geological formations which are comparable to conventional sources.

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Proposal for a directive**Article 30 – paragraph 2 a (new)***Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

By December 2018, the Commission shall carry out an in-depth analysis of all substances, including CO₂, that are emitted by geothermal power plants both during exploration and operational phases and which are harmful for health and environment and shall transmit the outcomes to the European Parliament and the Council. Based on its findings, the Commission shall present, if appropriate, to the European Parliament and the Council, a legislative proposal in this regard no later than 31 December 2019.

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Justification

Depending of the geological characteristics of an area, geothermal energy production may release greenhouse gases and other substances from underground fluids and other subsoil geological formations. The Commission should close the regulatory gaps at EU level, reflected at national level, whereby every form of geothermal energy exploitation is considered contributing to tackling climate change, in order to steer the investments towards

geothermal energy production with low environmental impact and resulting in greenhouse gas saving compared to the conventional sources.