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to the Council**

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Subject: Financing of Islamic terrorism through the EU ETS

An investigation by the Corriere della Sera - the leading Italian newspaper - published on 24 September 2014 reported that the Milan public prosecutor's office has uncovered a huge VAT scam, based on the EU ETS scheme, to the tune of EUR 1.15 billion (2009-2012). According to the investigators, these huge money laundering operations linked to tax fraud could be concealing a channel of funding for international Islamic terrorism. The investigation dates back to the discovery in 2010 of invoices relating to emission allowances in a Taliban hideout.

Similar criminal mechanisms are operating in all Member States, to the extent that European energy markets are being 'strongly manipulated and, in any case, vitiated by an incredible number of business transactions carried out mainly in order to perpetrate a significant amount of tax fraud.'

Since the Council is about to support the new 40-27-30 unilateral target proposed by the Commission for 2030, thus giving ETS an even more important role to play, and in the light of the disturbing findings of this investigation, can the Council say:

1. how much tax fraud is being committed on the ETS market in all Member States;
2. what measures it intends to take to counter this, in addition to the coordination of the investigative bodies of the Member States through Europol and Eurojust;
3. whether it intends to persist, in spite of everything, in setting unilateral climate policy targets?