Question for written answer E-010760/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Hugues Bayet (S&D)

Subject: Mortality due to pollution

According to a report by the World Health Organisation (WHO), pollution is responsible for 3.2 million deaths per annum. The number of deaths due to the disastrous impact of pollution exceeds the number caused by AIDS and malaria combined. According to the WHO, the maximum concentration of pollution to which an individual can be exposed is 10 micrograms per litre of air. However, most of the world population is exposed to far higher concentrations, in some cases as high as 100 micrograms (China and India).

The WHO reports that it is vital to reduce air pollution. In order to do so, drastic measures are needed so as to reduce the density of particulate matter and reach a level of 10 micrograms per litre of air in all countries in the world.

- 1. Is the Commission aware of this study?
- 2. Will the Commission take the WHO report on pollution into account in connection with the 21st Climate Conference, to be held in Paris this December?

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