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to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission responsibility for the VW scandal

According to a report in the FT, the Commission's Joint Research Centre had warned in a 2013 report that the defeat devices used by VW, among others, could falsify the results of emissions measurements.

Given that some EU countries base car taxation (such as road tax in Greece) on car emissions, the competent national authorities are reasonably enough demanding compensation from VW.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- How will it investigate the role that may have been played by German politicians' lobbies to overlook the use of defeat devices by German automobile manufacturers?
- Did it warn the competent national authorities of Member States about the impact of 'defeat devices' on the reliability of diesel car emissions measurements? If not, does it intend, even at this late stage, to coordinate a Europe-wide, in-depth investigation into the possible existence of similar systems in all cars on the European market?
- Does it consider reasonable potential claims from the competent tax authorities of each Member State vis-à-vis VW for concealing the real emission values?