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to the Commission**

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Subject: EU response to the challenges raised by the VW scandal

Emissions from diesel vehicles endanger human health and are one of the main factors in air pollution in Europe's towns and cities, as is borne out by the experience of Paris and London.

Details which have emerged in the course of the Volkswagen scandal suggest an even worse situation as regards air pollution than we had hitherto suspected. The scandal also illustrates the regulatory problems surrounding the technical specifications of engines.

As concerns grow about the effects of diesel engines on the environment, petrol-fuelled cars are becoming increasingly efficient, economic and environmentally friendly as a result of the advantages offered by higher-octane fuel, among other things.

Citizens in the EU are becoming increasingly worried about air pollution caused by diesel engines. I therefore have the following questions for the Commission:

- What plans does the Commission have to promote the production and use of E10 and E20 blends, which cause far less air pollution than diesel?
- What technical specifications does the Commission intend to adopt concerning the use of E10 and E20 petrol blends?
- What targets has the Commission adopted, and what targets does it plan to adopt, in order to replace diesel fuel and the air pollution it causes?