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to the Commission**
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Subject: Emissions tests in the automotive industry

A recent study by the European Federation for Transport and Environment revealed that, since 2000, the automotive industry has cheated European drivers out of EUR 149.6 million.

The difference between fuel performance in tests and on the roads rose from 9% in 2000 to 42% in 2016, owing not only to the industry's manipulation of laboratory tests, but also to new in-vehicle technologies, which produce greater fuel savings in laboratories than on the roads.

This has also resulted in considerable costs for the environment; if the above difference had remained at 9%, since 2000, more than 264 million tons of CO₂ would not have been produced needlessly and EUR 150 million worth of fuel would not have been burned. The Germans have been worst affected by this problem, followed by the British, the French, the Italians and the Spanish.

In the light of consumer protection principles and the EU's environmental goal of transitioning to a low-carbon economy:

1. How will the Commission increase transparency in and the credibility of emissions data in the automotive industry?
2. What other measures will be taken to protect consumers by preventing abusive behaviour by the automotive industry and penalising it for such behaviour?