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to the Commission**
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Subject: The British Clean Maritime Plan - a promising sustainable transition strategy for maritime transport

On 11 July 2019, the UK's Maritime Minister, Nusrat Ghani, declared that, as part of a new plan to cut maritime pollution, all new vessels ordered from 2025 which will operate in UK waters will have to be equipped with zero-emission-capable technologies¹.

The plan, known as the Clean Maritime Plan², is the UK's road map for sustainable growth which is intended to pave the way for zero-emission navigation.

By following this pragmatic approach to the issue, which stands in stark contrast to the Commission's 2013 strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the same sector³, the UK will become the first G7 country to take practical short-term measures.

A sustainable transition policy for maritime transport cannot be achieved without a financial policy that includes a stimulus for shipyards and port infrastructure in Europe.

In the light of the above, how and when will the Commission actually start implementing its sustainable transition strategy for maritime transport?

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ambitious-targets-to-cut-shipping-emissions>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/clean-maritime-plan-maritime-2050-environment-route-map>

³ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2013/EN/1-2013-479-EN-F1-1.Pdf>