Question for written answer P-009727/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Lucy Anderson (S&D)

Subject: Wheelchair accessible vehicles - conversion and emissions

At the Technical Committee on Motor Vehicles on 20 December 2016, the Committee approved a correction to Directive 2007/46/EC and associated Commission regulations thereto.

While attempts to close down any loopholes that lead to abuse of measures to control emissions are of course welcomed by myself and my parliamentary colleagues, I have been contacted by the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Converters (WAVC) Association, who are concerned with the impact of the wording of the correction.

Specifically, Annex XI appears to have been amended in a manner that does not take into account that modifications to base vehicles in such circumstances will be specific to the individual wheelchair user. There is therefore concern that this will limit WAVC and other specialist providers to a set conversion method, designed by the base manufacturer, and will thus be unable to accommodate individual users' needs.

Can the Commission please clarify in detail how they expect this correction to impact wheelchair access conversion in practice?

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