

**Question for written answer P-001055/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Exports of dirty diesel from the EU to West African countries

Polluted diesel containing 400 times as much sulphur as is permitted in the EU is being exported to West Africa from the ports of Antwerp and Rotterdam.

Such organisations as Public Eye and Dutch environmental organisations have consulted the International Environmental Law Centre, which concluded that such exports were a violation of universal humanitarian law and the right to health, as well as the Basel and Bamako Conventions on exports and imports of hazardous waste.

Can the Commission inform me:

- what view it takes of such practices and whether it endorses the findings of the International Environmental Law Centre?
- what European measures can be taken to prevent this type of export in future?