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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Subject: Petition No 0377/2018 by M. S. (German), bearing one additional signature, on noise pollution from motorcycle traffic in Nordlippe and Schaumburg, Germany

1. Summary of petition

The petition concerns noise pollution from motorcycle traffic on roads in the Nordlippe and southern Schaumburg areas. On sunny weekends, between 100 and 200 motorbikes pass through some villages in these areas per hour. The petitioner is requesting various measures to curb the resultant noise pollution. These include: changes in emission limits where possible, more rigorous checks and public information and prevention campaigns to raise awareness about the problem of noise pollution from motorcycle traffic.

2. Admissibility

Declared admissible on 29 August 2018. Information requested from Commission under Rule 216(6).

3. Commission reply, received on 19 December 2018

Directive 2002/49/EC¹ requires Member States to draw up action plans for those road sections where traffic exceeds 3 million vehicles a year. The measures within the plans are at the discretion of the authorities, but should notably address priorities which may be identified by the exceeding of any relevant limit value or by other criteria chosen by the Member State and apply in particular to the most important areas as established by strategic noise mapping. Action plans may include actions targeting motorbikes. To the knowledge of the Commission, the competent authorities in Germany are usually the municipalities. The petitioner calls for actions to be undertaken as part of these action plans. However, based on the information submitted by the petitioner, it is not clear which roads should be concerned by these proposed

¹ OJ L 189, 18.7.2002, p. 12–25.

actions. The petitioner is invited to submit the exact list of municipalities affected by the problem, and possibly information on the road sections where the traffic exceeds 3 million vehicles a year, to allow the Commission to perform an assessment of the compliance with the EU law.

Information on the above-mentioned action plans is publicly available on internet¹. The petitioner is invited to consult this website in order to identify the action plan related to the areas he is interested in.

Finally, concerning the limits imposed on motorbikes and the efforts of industry, the Commission services would refer to the information contained in the reply to petition 0514/2017, considering that the Commission has in addition integrated into EU legislation the requirements of the internationally applicable UN Regulations No 9, 63 and 92.

Concerning the infringement procedure opened in respect of Germany, the Commission is currently analysing the situation to decide on the way forward.

¹ <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/de/eu/noise/df10/2014/>