1. In the context of the Fit for 55 package, on 14 July 2021 the Commission adopted a proposal to recast the Energy Taxation Directive (Directive 2003/96/EC). The Commission proposal, including its aspects linked to the taxation of fuel used for waterborne navigation, comprising fishing, is currently discussed by Member States in the Council. The European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee have been consulted.

2. The present energy crisis has reaffirmed the need for attaining the objectives of the European Green Deal as indicated by the recent Commission Communication on REPower EU. The green transition is not only an environmental objective but also a necessity for secure and sustainable energy supply in the EU in the medium term. The Fit for 55 package, including the Energy Taxation Directive, remain thus a top priority for the Commission.

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