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to the Council
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Subject: Fuel tax rises during the energy crisis

In July 2021, the European Commission published the 'Fit for 55' package, which includes a raft of legislative measures on road transport. These include a review EU's common framework for energy taxation which increases the minimum levels of taxation applicable to motor fuels.

However, the Member States are mired in an unprecedented energy crisis caused, largely attributable to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, pushing up the price of natural gas and other fuels and threatening to hit European hauliers and citizens hard.

Can the Council therefore say, given the exceptional situation in which we find ourselves:

1. Whether it intends to freeze the procedure for reviewing Directive 2003/96/EC of 27 October 2003 restructuring the Community framework for the taxation of energy products and electricity, in view of the rise in fuel prices which the transport sector is bearing the brunt of?
2. Whether it considers the introduction of such measures in the current context to send a positive signal to the public?