AMENDMENT 1

Draft report
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on the proposal for a Council decision concerning the approval on behalf of the European Community, of the Amendments of Annex II and Annex III to the Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR Convention) in relation to the storage of carbon dioxide streams in geological formations
Proposal for a regulation – amending act
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Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(4a) Under Directive 2009/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009¹ the geological storage of carbon dioxide should be pursued provided that it obtains private, national and Community support and proves to be an environmentally safe technology; it should also be kept continuously under review from an environmental and safety perspective, and should not, in any way, serve as an incentive to increase the use of fossil fuel.


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Justification

Carbon capture and storage remains an untested technology, which may induce unforeseen consequences and warrants caution, particularly if millions of tons of CO2 end up injected under the sea bed of the North-East Atlantic. There are significant concerns regarding the cost of CO2 transport and other health, safety and risk management issues which are included in the recently adopted Community measures on the storage of carbon dioxide under Directive 2009/31/EC and a more explicit reference should be made to this.