DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on technical and operational measures for more efficient and cleaner maritime transport
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on Transport and Tourism, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

A. whereas oceans and the preservation thereof are essential for humankind as climate regulators, hosts of biodiversity, and source of food security;

B. whereas CO2 emissions from maritime transport are projected to increase by 50 % to 250 % by 2050 in a business as usual scenario;

C. whereas maritime transport impacts human health and the environment also through air pollution;

1. Emphasises that all sectors, including maritime transport, have to fully contribute to achieving climate neutrality in the EU by 2050 at the latest; stresses the importance of urgently including the sector in the EU ETS;

2. Advocates the implementation of all available operational and technical measures to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions in the short term, in particular slow steaming and wind propulsion, but also digitalisation and logistics optimisation;

3. Stresses that sustainable solutions should be favoured from the outset; calls on the Commission to propose a ban on using open-loop scrubbers to comply with emission limits;

4. Calls on the Commission to support investment and research in new technologies and sustainable fuels to find long-term solutions to decarbonise the sector; highlights the potential of electrification and green hydrogen;

5. Calls on the Commission to urgently fulfil its commitment to regulate access of the most polluting ships to ports and oblige docked ships to use shore-side electricity to decrease greenhouse gas and air polluting emissions;

6. Underlines the importance of extending emission control areas (ECAs) to all EU seas; calls on all parties to rapidly agree on Mediterranean ECA to reduce both sulphur and nitrogen oxides from ships;

7. Stresses that the EU should lead by example by adopting stringent requirements to clean maritime transport while pushing for ambitious measures at international forums such as the IMO.

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1 Third IMO GHG Study 2014