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Subject: Shipping pollutants and remedies: Commission response to Parliament's demands

Two years after the adoption of Parliament's resolution on international ocean governance, the Commission has still not provided answers to important issues in it, especially clean shipping. Therefore, we ask what steps the Commission intends to take, and when, in the following fields:

1. What is the Commission undertaking to 'step up their efforts to encourage and support the use of shore-side electricity to all ships visiting European ports' as required in the report (paragraph 134) to reduce air pollution in harbour areas, and is it prepared to propose a regulation in this field by 2020, as called for in the report (paragraph 138)?
2. Is the Commission exploring measures to 'significantly reduce the nitrogen oxide emissions from the existing fleet, including an impact assessment of the possible introduction of a nitrogen oxide levy and fund system, with a view to achieving substantial reductions fast and effectively' (paragraph 142)? Does it intend to propose any such measures?
3. Will the Commission propose a ban on the use of open-loop-scrubbers, which are reportedly used extensively to meet the new IMO sulphur standards that enter into effect as of 2020, and which are a source of serious and large scale pollution in open waters?