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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

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

on New Circular Economy Action Plan (2020/2077(INI))

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SUGGESTIONS

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

A. whereas the transport sector has a high potential for improved resource efficiency and an increasing share of the transported goods are packaged in single-use materials;

1. Highlights that the carbon and resource footprint of goods due to transport and packaging could be reduced through a circular economy approach;

2. Calls on the Union to increase the share of renewable energies in transport;

3. Urges the Commission to internalise the external costs of transport and to establish greenhouse gas certification schemes;

4. Insists that the Union should adopt binding legislation on sustainable alternative transport fuels and charging infrastructure;

5. Notes that shared mobility services save resources in production;

6. Notes that the environmental impacts caused by the extraction and processing of raw materials for vehicles can be reduced through material efficiency and improved recycling;

7. Urges the Commission to introduce longer guarantee periods and a right to repair for vehicles;

8. Calls on the Commission to phase out non-rechargeable batteries and to define an increasing share of recycled content in batteries; stresses the relevance of charging patterns for battery electric vehicles for the integration of the sector;

9. Calls on the Commission to restrict exports of waste to third countries, as they increase the life–cycle emissions of products;

10. Urges the Commission to make reusable packaging and containers for transport compulsory; calls for an EU-wide take-back scheme for standard industrial packaging;

11. Calls on the Commission to include the tourism sector in its ambitions for a circular economy; emphasises that tourism businesses should be encouraged to participate in the EU Ecolabel and the EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS).