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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

from:	General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union
to:	Working Party on Technical Harmonisation (Motor Vehicles)
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Subject:	COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No/of XXX amending Annexes I and IX, replacing Annex VIII to Directive 2007/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the approval of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles (Framework Directive), and amending Annexes I and XII to Commission Regulation (EC) No 692/2008 implementing and amending Regulation (EC) N° 715/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on type-approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles (Euro 5 and Euro 6) and on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information

At the meeting of the Working Party on Technical Harmonisation (Motor Vehicles) held on the 26th of January 2012, the above mentioned proposal for a Commission Regulation for the implementation of eco-innovations in the type-approval procedure was examined with a view to oppose or not to oppose its adoption.

Although this proposal had received a positive opinion in the relevant comitology committee (Technical Committee - Motor Vehicles), several Member States expressed their concerns at the Working Party meeting about the lack of any adaptation period between the date of entry into force and the date of application of the proposed measures. Indeed, this Regulation would have to be applied as from its entry into force, i.e. 20 days after the date of its publication.

These Member States stated that such a short timeframe was impossible to comply with, given the importance of the changes to be introduced in the national type-approval procedures, thus making necessary a certain delay in the date of application.

In view of the positions expressed in the meeting, the Commission agreed to issue the following statement :

Draft statement by the Commission

" The Commission agrees that it would be appropriate to postpone the date of application of the Regulation by one year, as requested. To that effect, the Commission confirms its intention to put forward a separate amendment to the proposed Regulation, in order to make possible that the latter can still be adopted without further delay after the expiry of the current period of scrutiny ".