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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the sound level of motor vehicles and of replacement silencing systems, and amending Directive 2007/46/EC and repealing Directive 70/157/EEC
(First reading)

- Adoption
 - a) of the Council's position at first reading
 - b) of the statement of the Council's reasons
- = Statement

Statement by the Netherlands

The Netherlands cannot approve the compromise that the Presidency has reached with the European Parliament. Noise emission standards for motor vehicles are an important and cost-effective means to reduce noise emissions at the source, thus contributing to the health and wellbeing of citizens.

The main reason to reject the compromise lies in the testing methods that allow the use of worn-out tires. We foresee that vehicles will produce more noise in practice than in the testing. This may lead to vehicles exceeding the limits on the road.
