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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: Proposal for a Council Directive laying down calculation methods and reporting requirements pursuant to Directive 98/70/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels

- Adoption

STATEMENT BY GERMANY

Germany agrees with the revised Proposal for a Council Directive on laying down calculation methods and reporting requirements pursuant to Directive 98/70/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels. The reason for this is that the amended version contains fundamental improvements compared to the original proposal of 7 October 2014. However, Germany reaffirms its reservations regarding the feasibility of implementing of the provision on upstream emission reductions. Germany had called for the compulsory counting of upstream emission reductions to be omitted, but to make it optional for the Member States.

STATEMENT BY THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands is concerned about the fact that the Commission's proposal for art 7a of the Fuel Quality Directive does not respond to concerns, also within the Dutch Parliament, about the increase of the use of CO₂-intensive fuels. However, the Netherlands attaches great importance to CO₂-reduction in transport fuels and the 6% CO₂-reduction target in the Fuel Quality Directive. Without the current proposal for art 7a by the European Commission fuel suppliers will not be able to calculate whether they have achieved the 6% reduction target in 2020. The Netherlands will therefore abstain.
