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Brussels, 24 November 2017,

Re: Reject a new target for crop biofuels – ITRE vote 28th November

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

At the meeting of the ITRE Committee on 28th November, you will be voting on the recast of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED, 2016/0382/COD). We are extremely concerned by the risk that the ITRE Committee will adopt a new target for crop based biofuels, in the form of a new target for renewable energy in transport.

Such a target would effectively reverse all progress made to date towards a more sustainable and effective policy. The reliance of the EU on biofuels made from food and feed crops to green its transport sector has led to an overall increase in emissions, because of the displacement of agriculture onto new land or reduced reforestation (indirect land use change or ILUC). At the same time the policy has had adverse impacts on the environment and people globally while diverting significant resources from better alternatives, such as renewable electricity.

The Commission proposal for the recast of the RED was an important step as it did not include a target for renewables in transport, but focused instead on a target for advanced fuels. It clearly indicated the direction of travel for transport decarbonisation: moving away from harmful conventional biofuels towards cleaner alternatives, such as renewable electricity.

We call on you to oppose the adoption of a new target for renewables in transport as proposed in compromise amendments 1B and 16.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Buffet, Transport & Environment - on behalf of WWF European Policy Office, Greenpeace EU Unit, Friends of the Earth Europe, Oxfam, Fern and BirdLife Europe.