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Dear Madams,
Dear Sirs,

As the European Network of Heads of Environment Protection Agencies (EPA-Network) we write to you regarding the Proposal for a Regulation on the sound level of motor vehicles and of their exhaust systems, which is presently being discussed in your committees. The EPA-Network highly appreciates the efforts of the European Union to tighten the noise emission regulation for cars and trucks which should lead to large scale reduction in noise exposure and thereby reduce the health impact of the population as well as the economic burden on national governments who are responsible for abating annoyance from environmental noise according to the END .

We therefore would like to inform you that the EPA-Network has already sent a letter to the European Commission, in which it is stressed the need and the importance for solid regulations (see enclosures). We also would like to draw your attention to the recent report that our Interest Group on Noise Traffic Noise Abatement (IGNA) has elaborated to document the possibilities and potentials of road traffic noise abatement measures (see enclosures). The report concludes that the development of tighter vehicle regulation is the most efficient measure to reduce road traffic noise.

In conclusion, we see the present discussion for tighter noise emission regulation as a great opportunity to alleviate health impacts and related costs as well as to reduce costs of future noise abatement action plans of the EU member states. We therefore recommend to adjust legislation to recent standards and furthermore to consider strict limits that lead to considerable noise source abatement.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Interest Group on Noise Abatement of the EPA Network

Enclosure

- Letter of EPA-Network to EU-Commission
- Technical report of measures on road traffic noise in Europe

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