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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2019/631 as regards strengthening the CO2 emission performance standards for new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles in line with the Union's increased climate ambition (first reading)
	- Adoption of the legislative act
	= Statement

Statement by Poland

Poland firmly opposes the adoption of this legislative act.

It is not in favour of the new fees and burdens being passed on to citizens, e.g. by increasing the cost of access to fuels. Any additional costs resulting from the new burdens should be borne by manufacturers and not passed on to citizens. EU legislation should provide an incentive for car manufacturers to offer zero-emission vehicles at the lowest possible cost to citizens. It should also take into account the differing circumstances of the individual Member States so as to avoid exacerbating social stratification, poverty or exclusion.

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Trends aimed at reducing vehicle emissions should take account of the market potential in terms of both the technological particularities of vehicle or vehicle equipment manufacturers and the economic aspects, with due regard for the financial capacity of the country's citizens.

Furthermore, Poland cannot accept the inclusion of exemptions for manufacturers of certain luxury brands; this is incompatible with the general principle that emissions should be reduced by all sectors in a manner which is socially fair. In times of crisis, derogations should be directed at the poorest citizens rather than at luxury car manufacturers. Poland therefore expresses its opposition to this legislative act.

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