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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on type-approval of motor vehicles and engines with respect to emissions from heavy duty vehicles (Euro VI) and on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information.

Delegations will find attached a note from the Presidency on the above subject, which will be dealt with under "Any other business" at the meeting of the Council (Environment) on 5 June 2008.

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on type-approval of motor vehicles and engines with respect to emissions from heavy duty vehicles (Euro VI) and on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information

- Information Note from the Presidency -

1. On 21 December 2007, the Commission submitted the proposal whose objective is to lay down harmonised rules on the construction of heavy duty motor vehicles with a view to ensuring the functioning of the internal market while at the same time providing for a high level of environmental protection regarding atmospheric emissions.
2. The proposal was examined by the Environment Working Party on 25 January, 7 February and 23 April 2008. Although a number of delegations presented some suggestions aiming at improving the proposal, there is a general consensus to proceed swiftly towards an early agreement with the European Parliament.
3. The Council "Environment" was informed about the state of play at its meeting on 3 March 2008.
4. The European Parliament has appointed M. M. GROOTE (DE-PSE) as Rapporteur. A draft report was issued on 7 May 2008. The adoption of the report is scheduled for the 14-16 July session of the ENVI Committee. The date for the plenary session has not been fixed yet.
5. The examination of the proposal in the Environment Working Party will continue during the incoming French Presidency.