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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Treatment of waste from titanium dioxide

Would the Commission not agree that if the Community directive approved by the European Parliament in January 1976 and introducing effective measures to be uniformly and compulsorily applied in all the Member States with regard to the treatment of waste generated by the titanium dioxide industry, were immediately adopted by the Council of Ministers, an important and constructive contribution would be made towards meeting the widely recognized need to combat marine pollution and protect marine flora and fauna?

Furthermore, if the implementation of this essential measure is frustrated by the persistent and unwarranted opposition of certain Member States, will the Commission consider proposing appropriate

economic measures to offset the adverse effects of a distortion of competition within the Community which benefits undertakings operating in countries not subject to anti-pollution regulations at the expense of those which prevent pollution, thus saddling themselves with a heavy financial burden?