

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Amended proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

**for a monitoring mechanism of Community CO<sub>2</sub>  
and other greenhouse gas emissions**

(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 149(3)  
of the EEC-Treaty)

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At its sitting on 12 March 1993, the European Parliament gave its opinion on a proposal for a Council Decision for a monitoring mechanism of Community CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse emission, put forward by the Commission on 1st June 1992 (1).

The present modified proposal takes account of the amendments requested by the European Parliament, where the Commission has been able to accept them.

In particular, the Commission accepted the amendments proposing greater transparency in the procedures of the mechanism (amendments n's. 3, 4 and 5 in part, 14. It also accepted amendments 1 and 2 introducing a reference to the October 29 Conclusions of the Council in articles 1 and 2.

The Commission also accepted amendment n' 15 deleting art. 7.

The Commission did not accept the amendments concerning the technical procedures for preparing the emissions inventories (7,8,9,10,11,12 and 13). Although the Commission agrees with the thrust of these amendments, it feels that there is no need to incorporate them in the legal text of this Decision. The Commission already follows these kinds of methods and procedures in its existing work on emission inventories.

The amendments proposing changes in the Committee procedures were not accepted either (amendments 16, 17 and 18). The Commission is bound in this respect by the terms of Council Decision 87/373/EEC laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission.

The requirement for determining the cost-effectiveness of different strategies between and within different sectors (second part of amendment n' 4) and the requirement for differentiation between national and international measures (second part of amendment n' 5) were not accepted because the definition of consistent boundaries for such assessments might prove difficult.

The restriction of additional measures to Member States (am. N' 6, second part) was not accepted because additional actions may also be required at Community level. The first part of amendment N' 6 is accepted.

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## Article 1

This Decision establishes a monitoring mechanism of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the Member States, in order to ensure at Community level the achievement of the stabilization of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by the year 2000 at their 1990 level and provide for the progressive establishment of a monitoring mechanism for other greenhouse gases as policies with regard to these develop.

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## Article 2 (b)

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## Article 3, paragraph I (a)

The Member States shall draw up national CO<sub>2</sub> emissions programmes, including strategies and national CO<sub>2</sub> emissions objectives for limiting their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, in order to contribute to the achievement of the Community CO<sub>2</sub> stabilization target.

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## Article 3, paragraph I (c)

The national programmes shall comprise as far as possible:

- the use of national instruments and actions aiming at increasing energy efficiency and conservation;
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- an assessment, to be made public, of the economic impact of the above measures.

## Article 3, paragraph II

Member States shall also report on policies and measures in order to increase the sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and on actions taken to limit the emissions of other greenhouse gases (apart from CO<sub>2</sub>), and evaluate the impact of these measures.

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## Article 4, paragraph II

Depending on the results of the evaluation the Commission may, if necessary, and with due regard to burden sharing, make all appropriate proposals for required additional actions with a view to ensuring the attainment of the Community's CO<sub>2</sub> stabilization target and the limitation of other greenhouse gas emissions. The Council shall take a decision on these proposals by qualified majority after consulting the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee.

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## Article 5 (e).

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## Article 7

The data reporting as described in Article 5, as well as the actions foreseen under Articles 4 and 6 shall be integrated as closely as possible to the review process of national energy policies as defined in Council Regulation 86/C 241/01 of 16 September 1986.

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