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Subject: Meeting with VW EVP for Gov Relations Thomas Steg

Info, short report of today's meeting with VW. Marion, pls register email in Ares.

Today, I met Mr Steg, EVP Government Relations with Volkswagen AG, accompanied by Christoph Klitz, VW Head of Office Brussels, at the latter request. [REDACTED] was present, too.

Mr Steg's main objective was to give his assessment of the November mobility package, notably on the post-2020 CO2 proposal for cars and vans. He considered the proposal to be acceptable and balanced, not containing vastly surprising elements. If the proposal's key elements were adopted in the co-legislative process, VW could live with it. From the company's perspective, there were some minor negative elements (such as excluding non-plug-in hybrids) and the 2025 linear trajectory. He emphasised that the 2025 mid-term review should be taken serious to make sure that also demand side and infrastructure was delivering. As to the LCV proposal, Mr Steg underlined that the COM targets were more difficult to achieve if it came to electrification of the fleet. Finally, he welcomed the Battery initiative of the COM, which VW would fully support. He was convinced that in the short-term, imports of Asian batteries (produced in Asia or Europe) would be predominant. Any EU financing strategy should therefore be oriented to medium- or long-term to give enough time for genuine European initiatives rather than having Asian producers benefitting from European funds.