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**NOTE TO**  
**, ENTR F1**

**Subject: ENV Response to ISC ENTR 4590 on Progress made in 2009 at the UNECE on vehicle emissions regulation: Commission staff Working Document**

Thank you for having consulted ENV on this draft report covering areas of work of high importance to DG ENV, notably related to air quality and noise. We can give our accord subject to the following comments and observations.

We appreciate the work being undertaken on developing the world light duty test procedure (WLTP), world harmonized heavy duty certification (WHDC) as well as the work on off-cycle emissions (GTR10) and defeat strategies as the issue of ensuring that real world emissions reduce in line with type approval limits is a very important concern of DG Environment. We also note the importance of ongoing work related to motorcycle and non-road machinery emissions all of which increasingly represent a relative high proportion pollutant emissions in urban areas.

We wish to reiterate that to date, concentrations of particulate matter exceed legally binding air quality standards in over 200 (out of about 800) air quality zones (mostly in urbanized areas) across 22 Member States. As a result, the Commission has now opened 21 infringement procedures. A similar situation is expected for nitrogen dioxide for which legally binding standards entered into force at the beginning of 2010.

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Therefore, and as pointed out in DG ENV's ISC comments on other files, we call on DG ENTR to expedite the work at the UNECE as far as possible whilst simultaneously taking action domestically to develop test-cycle improvements and in-service requirements based on portable emissions measurement systems.

We remain available to share detailed information obtained in the context of the implementation of the air quality directives with DG ENTR colleagues to ensure the best possible development of vehicle emissions regulations.





## Réponse à la consultation "4590" de la DG ENTR

### Détail de la consultation

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### Détail de la réponse (Version 1 en préparation)

**Référence :**  
**Avis :** Avis favorable sous réserve de la prise en compte des commentaires  
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**Téléphone :**   
**Commentaire(s) :** *Thank you for having consulted ENV on this draft report covering areas of work of high importance to DG ENV, notably related to air quality and noise. We can give our accord subject to the following comments and observations.*

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