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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles as part of the Union's integrated approach to reduce CO ₂ emissions from light-duty vehicles and amending Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 (recast) = Preparation for the trilogue

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 8 November 2017 the Commission submitted a proposal for a Regulation on setting new CO₂ emission standards for cars and vans. The aim of the proposal is inter alia to contribute to reaching the 30% reduction target by 2030 in the non-ETS sectors set by the European Council, as translated into the national targets in the Effort Sharing Regulation, and to achieving the objectives of the Paris Agreement.
2. The Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 14 February 2018.
The Committee of the Regions decided not to give an opinion.
3. In the European Parliament, Ms. Miriam DALLI (S&D, MT) was appointed as rapporteur for the proposal on behalf of the ENVI Committee. On 3 October 2018, the Parliament adopted 71 amendments to the proposal.

4. On 9 October 2018, the Council reached a general approach¹.
5. Four trilogues took place on 10 October, 13 November, 4 December and 10 December 2018 respectively. Progress was made at the fourth trilogue, it was however not possible to achieve an overall agreement.
6. A fifth trilogue has now been scheduled for 17 December. The Presidency remains committed to achieve an overall agreement with the Parliament on this occasion.

II. KEY ELEMENTS

7. In view of the upcoming trilogue and in order to determine where the Council is able to move towards the European Parliament with a view to finding an overall final agreement, the Presidency would like to ask Member States to consider additional flexibility. This includes:
 - a) Could Member States agree to a slight increase in the 2030 target for vans?
 - b) Could Member States accept an addition in Article 12 along the lines that the Commission shall monitor and report annually how the emission gap evolves over the period 2021 to 2026 and shall, with a view to preventing an increase in the gap, assess the feasibility of a mechanism to adjust the manufacturer's average specific CO₂ emissions as of 2030, and if appropriate, submit a legislative proposal?

III. CONCLUSION

8. The Permanent Representative Committee is invited to provide the Presidency with its views on the questions set out above.

¹ Document 12903/18.