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## AUTOMOTIVE AND PETROLEUM REFINING INDUSTRY: OPEN LETTER ON DIESEL TO EU POLICY MAKERS

**Brussels, 8 July 2015 – In an open letter to EU policy makers, leading representatives of the automotive and petroleum refining industry in Europe committed to keep pushing the technical boundaries in order to find ever better ways of combining the customer benefits of diesel – in terms of fuel economy and low CO<sub>2</sub> - with continuously reduced emissions.**

The letter from the Presidents of the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA), the Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst (AECC), the European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA) and FuelsEurope, representing the European Petroleum Refining Industry, was sent today to representative of the European Commission, European Parliament and Council.

Pointing out that political measures restricting the rollout of the new generation of diesel technology would undermine existing efforts to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the associations called on policy makers to help accelerate fleet renewal and the introduction of the cleanest vehicles.

"Fleet renewal offers the most effective way to improve air quality. As older cars and trucks are replaced by newer models, emissions from road transport will fall as the latest emission-reducing technologies enter the market," the letter read.

"With a common EU policy framework that encourages the more rapid adoption of the latest low-emissions technologies, but taking into account necessary industry lead-time, we will help improve air quality in real driving conditions, while at the same time continuing to meet current CO<sub>2</sub> targets."

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### NOTES FOR EDITORS

A copy of the open letter can be found on the associations' websites:

[www.acea.be](http://www.acea.be); [www.aecc.eu](http://www.aecc.eu); [www.clepa.eu](http://www.clepa.eu);  
<https://www.fuelseurope.eu/mediaroom/51/24/Automotive-and-Petroleum-Refining-Industry-Open-Letter-on-Diesel-to-EU-Policy-Makers>



- **ACEA's** members are BMW Group, DAF Trucks, Daimler, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Ford of Europe, Hyundai Motor Europe, Iveco, Jaguar Land Rover, Opel Group, PSA Peugeot Citroën, Renault Group, Toyota Motor Europe, Volkswagen Group, Volvo Cars, Volvo Group. More information can be found on [www.acea.be](http://www.acea.be) or [@ACEA\\_eu](https://twitter.com/ACEA_eu).
- **AECC** is an international non-profit scientific association of European companies making technologies for engine exhaust emissions control. The members of AECC are companies operating worldwide in the research, development, testing and manufacture of key technologies for emissions control.
- **CLEPA** is the European Association of Automotive Suppliers. 113 of the world's most prominent suppliers for car parts, systems and modules and 24 national trade associations and European sector associations are members of CLEPA, representing more than 3,000 companies, employing more than 5 million people and covering all products and services within the automotive supply chain. Based in Brussels, CLEPA is recognised as the natural discussion partner by the European Institutions, United Nations and fellow associations (ACEA, JAMA, MEMA, etc).
- **FuelsEurope's** 42 members account for almost 100% of petroleum fuels refining and more than 75% of motor fuel retail sales in Europe

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