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CLEPA'S REACTIONS TO THE COMMISSION'S PLANS TO CUT CO2 EMISSIONS [COM(2007) 19 final]

CLEPA, The European Association of Automotive Suppliers embraces the European Commission's legislative framework, adopted today, on cutting CO2 emissions from new cars and vans sold in EU to no more than 130g/km, with complementary measures contributing to a further cut of up to 10g/km by 2012.

CLEPA considers this target as difficult but achievable and we are fully committed to implementing this measure in order to help our customers.. However, it must be stated that our ultimate long-term aim is not only to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from cars, but to find an alternative to the use of fossil fuels, only this will have a real impact on averting climate change. To make this goal realisable, our industry needs adequate funds from the 7FP, thereby enabling our industry to develop innovative technology, producing alternative, carbon-neutral fuels, which we can use in our cars. This is also a great opportunity for the EU automotive industry to take the innovative lead towards maintaining long-term competitiveness in Europe, in the interests of society as a whole.

We welcome further measures such as the introduction of tax incentives; better education for all drivers, in an improved infrastructure throughout the European Union. In this way CLEPA supports an integrated approach for the automotive industry and all stakeholders.

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