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Mr Karmenu Vella
Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Inquiry regarding a possible ban on import and sale of new petrol and diesel cars in Denmark

Dear Mr Vella

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The European Affairs Committee of the Danish Parliament has recently examined the European Commission's legislative proposals on the setting of emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new heavy-duty vehicles, which aim to reduce CO2 emissions.

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The proposals are important and ambitious contributions to the planned reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, as set out in the Paris climate agreement and the EU's post-2020 emission targets. However, in Denmark the possibility of introducing measures that are even more ambitious, has been discussed among political parties.

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As part of the established political dialogue with the European Commission, the European Affairs Committee would therefore like to submit the following inquiry to the European Commission:

“Under what conditions would it be compatible with existing EU law to introduce a ban on import and marketing of new petrol and diesel cars in Denmark?”

On behalf of the Danish European Affairs Committee, I hope the Commission will be able to respond to this inquiry as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Erik Christensen

Chairman of the European Affairs Committee