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to the Commission**
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Subject: European manufacturers fined for insufficient electric vehicle sales

In the light of recent statements by the CEO of Renault and growing concerns in the European automotive industry, the appropriateness and effectiveness of the fines imposed on European manufacturers for non-compliance with electric vehicle sales targets must be called into question.

While the decline in electric vehicle sales is becoming increasingly clear, it seems that this policy not only unfairly penalises European businesses, it also jeopardises the stability of a sector which is already facing unprecedented economic and technological challenges.

Manufacturers are still confronted with slack demand, insufficient charging infrastructure and high production costs. These fines would only make the situation worse, without guaranteeing a sustainable growth in sales – not to mention that they constitute a barrier to a free-market economy that adapts to real levels of demand.

Therefore, rather than weakening the competitiveness of European businesses vis-à-vis international competitors, should the Commission not review this punitive approach and adopt more incentivising and pragmatic measures in order to better support the shift to sustainable mobility?

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