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to the Commission**

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Subject: Industrial Emissions Directive – BREF for the ceramic manufacturing industry

In November 2024, in the context of the application of the revised Industrial Emissions Directive, the Commission presented the draft Best Available Techniques Reference Document (BREF) for the ceramic manufacturing industry.

The document establishes mandatory emissions and environmental performance levels, as well as the techniques to achieve them, constituting the basis for operational permits for ceramic manufacturing installations in the EU.

Although the revised Industrial Emissions Directive introduces significant changes to permitting processes, with stricter emissions limits and ambitious decarbonisation and environmental targets, it also offers accessible and modern techniques, which would ensure viable technical and economic conditions in the ceramic sector.

In the light of the above:

1. Has the Commission properly assessed the impact on the ceramic industry of complying with the proposed targets, taking into consideration the heterogeneous nature of the sector and the investment needed to implement the required techniques?
2. Can the Commission clarify the criteria for classifying the listed techniques (e.g. the electrification of continuous and intermittent kilns) as best available techniques, given their limited availability, the elevated costs of implementation and the absence of reliable data on their performance and related emissions?

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