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Subject: New EU fleet-wide CO₂ emission standards for passenger cars and light commercial vehicles

Regulation (EU) 2019/631¹ sets new, stricter EU fleet-wide CO₂ emission standards for passenger cars and light commercial vehicles, which are set to apply from January 2025. Article 8 of the regulation imposes hefty fines on manufacturers that exceed the new targets, which can only be achieved through significant production of electric vehicles.

However, EU-wide sales of electric cars are lagging far behind expectations, meaning that manufacturers may fail to reach the 2025 emission targets and potentially face multi-billion euro fines². Urgent measures are needed, as car manufacturers are already closing production plants and laying off thousands of workers.

In light of the new circumstances and challenges faced by the automotive industry and pursuant to Article 14a(2), in particular sub-paragraphs (c), (f) and (g) thereof, and Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 2019/631,

1. will the Commission publish a progress report as soon as possible and proceed to a review of the EU fleet-wide emission targets significantly earlier than 2026?
2. will the Commission take urgent measures to avoid imposing fines on manufacturers who fail to reach the targets in 2025, which may include postponing or readjusting the targets and/or assessing compliance on the basis of a multi-year average?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2019/631 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 setting CO₂ emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 443/2009 and (EU) No 510/2011 (OJ L 111, 25.4.2019, p. 13, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/631/oj>).

² <https://www.acea.auto/press-release/european-auto-industry-calls-for-urgent-action-as-demand-for-evs-declines/>.

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