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Subject: Eurocities letter on type approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles (Euro 5 and Euro 6) and access to repair and maintenance information

Dear Members of the European Parliament and Member State representatives of the Council,

On behalf of more than 140 of Europe's major cities, we urge you to confirm an ambitious position on the Real Driving Emissions legislation.

Poor air quality results in more than 400,000 premature deaths per year in Europe. Unnecessary cases of heart disease, lung cancer, strokes, respiratory infections, and children with reduced lung capacity can be avoided with much needed progress on transport emissions in our cities.

The Real Driving Emissions legislation is an opportunity to address this challenge. The case brought by Brussels, Madrid, and Paris to the EU General Court on the increase of nitrogen oxide emissions limits under RDE tests should be acted on in the public interest, with the large conformity factors removed. A license to pollute can no longer be valid against the background of progress towards the European Green Deal.

The European Parliament has confirmed their position that the conformity factor should cease to apply by 30 September 2022, with reductions based on scientific assessments by the European Commission Joint Research Centre. We urge the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union to confirm this position in their negotiations.

Findings from the study on post-Euro 6/VI emission standards by the CLOVE consortium have since confirmed that this is feasible today. In real driving emissions tests of NOx emissions, most Euro 6d and Euro 6d-temp vehicles are already below the 60 mg/km threshold¹

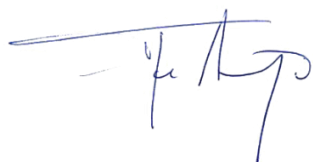
It is imperative to establish an end date for the conformity factors without delay and improve air quality in our cities today.

Kind regards,

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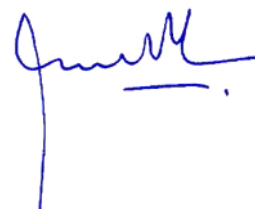
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¹ https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/f06a6cec-75c3-47f9-8604-6cadef144a5f/CLOVE_AGVES_Sept.2020_20200910_V1.pdf