



Parliament of Romania
Senate

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OPINION
of the SENATE OF ROMANIA

on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles as part of the Union's integrated approach to reduce CO2 emissions from light-duty vehicles and amending Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 (recast)

COM (2017) 676 final/2

The Senate of Romania has examined the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles as part of the Union's integrated approach to reduce CO2 emissions from light-duty vehicles and amending Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 (recast) - COM (2017) 676 final/2, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no.2).

Taking into account the report of the Committee for European Affairs no. LXII/127/14.03.2018, **the plenum of the Senate**, during its session of March 19th 2018, has decided the following:

(1) Notes that the proposed Regulation complies with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

(2) Considers that:

1. Maintaining of a realistic level of ambition which allows the automotive industry to adapt, respectively with reduced effects on the employment in this sector must be a real desideratum based on the concrete situation of the industry in all Member States.

2. Proposing some too ambitious targets could lead to:

a. an increase in costs for manufacturers, discouraging the production and purchase of new cars in the EU with effects including on employment;

b. the high cost of a new vehicle could increase the sales of second-hand cars and implicitly with impact on air quality;

c. payment of some penalties for non-fulfillment of targets by producers;

d. the risk of failing to achieve the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets assumed by the Paris Accord if transport emissions are not sufficiently reduced.

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