

## ECCP II

### Working group on the integrated approach to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from light-duty vehicles

#### Draft Mandate

#### 1. Background

The European Climate Change Programme (ECCP) was established in 2000 to help identify the most cost-effective EU measures that could complement Member States efforts and enable the EU to meet its target under the Kyoto protocol. The results from the ECCP formed an important contribution to the October 2001 Communication<sup>1</sup> on the 'implementation of the first phase of the European Climate Change Programme', and a progress report on the implementation of the ECCP was made in May 2003. The February 2005 Communication 'Winning the battle against climate change'<sup>2</sup> indicated that the Commission "*will review progress and explore new actions to systematically exploit cost effective emission reduction options in synergy with the Lisbon strategy*", and as part of this process the Commission has decided to launch the second phase of the ECCP.

Under the framework of the ECCP II, the European Commission will present in mid-2006 a Communication to the European Parliament and Council on a revised Community strategy to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from light-duty vehicles. This review will be based on a thorough impact assessment of the existing Community target of a new car fleet average emission of 120 g CO<sub>2</sub>/km and of the possible measures that could form part of a revised strategy based on an integrated approach to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reductions.

#### 2. General Objective

The general objective of the Working Group is to assist the Commission services in preparing the review of the Community strategy to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from light-duty vehicles, and specifically provide a stakeholder consultation forum giving assistance in the preparation of the impact assessment of the future strategy, as foreseen in the Commission's guidelines on impact assessments<sup>3</sup>.

More precisely, the working group shall consider:

- **Task 1:** the progress achieved under the current CO<sub>2</sub> and cars strategy, and the relevant input coming from the CARS21 high-level group (when available);
- **Task 2:** the potential contribution of the various measures that could be included in the integrated approach to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from light-duty vehicles, taking into account their measurability, monitor-ability and accountability i.e. the possibility to identify stakeholder(s) responsible for their implementation (this task may encompass advising on the units that should be used to measure CO<sub>2</sub> reductions for each measure (e.g. g CO<sub>2</sub>/km, Mtons CO<sub>2</sub>/year...));
- **Task 3:** advice on the proposed reduction scenarios, their likely impacts and the corresponding modelling progress, combining the above mentioned measures following an integrated approach;

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<sup>1</sup> COM (2001) 580 final

<sup>2</sup> COM(2005) 35

<sup>3</sup> SEC(2005)791

- **Task 4:** the need to adapt the monitoring mechanism of the current strategy to take into account the integrated approach, and to introduce review milestones where achievements would be monitored and objectives reviewed.

### **3. Policy Deliverable**

The Working Group will deliver a report by April 2006. Taking into account this report, the Commission services will prepare the impact assessment of the revised Community strategy to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from light-duty vehicles.

### **4. Organisation, work programme and timetable**

The Working Group will take a topical approach through a limited number of meetings on specific topics, as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting (November 2005) on task 1: the scope and boundaries of the revision of the Community strategy to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from cars through an integrated approach, presentation of the supporting studies and identification of the measures to be investigated as part of the integrated approach;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting (December 2005) on task 2: discussion on the individual measures that should be part of the integrated approach to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction, on the basis of the information provided by the supporting studies and notably of the replies to the questionnaires sent by the Commission to the relevant stakeholders;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting (January 2006) on task 3: presentation of scenario development as suggested by the supporting studies;
- 4<sup>th</sup> meeting (February 2006) on task 4: preliminary modelling results of the scenarios;
- 5<sup>th</sup> meeting (March 2006) on task 4: building on the final modelling results, contribution to the impact assessment (cost-effectiveness analysis with TREMOVE, wider economic effects with GEM-E3, taking into account CO<sub>2</sub> reduction costs).

The working group will be chaired by the Commission services and will be composed of maximum 25 persons, but can be extended to additional specific experts depending on the specific topic to be discussed. It will consist of Member States experts and key stakeholder organisations, including representatives of relevant business sectors, NGOs, academic experts and Commission officials of relevant services. Members of the group may be asked to provide specific contributions in the form of presentations and issue papers, as well as contribute and comment on the final report. The Chairman will prepare minutes of each meeting, for adoption by the group. The Chairman will also prepare the final report, which will draw conclusions as well as set out and analyse key options based on the discussions in the group and where appropriate reflect the contributions of the group to the impact assessment.