

Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector
The Chair

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Subject: Invitation to the hearing of the European Parliament's Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector on 14 July 2016

Dear Mr Verheugen,

You have been contacted by the Secretariat of the EMIS Committee of inquiry, which has been set up by the European Parliament to investigate alleged contraventions and maladministration in relation to emission measurements in the automotive sector, to check your availability to participate in one of its upcoming hearings in your capacity as European Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry from 2004 to 2010.

In your email reply of 26 April 2016, you argued that "it is the role and the responsibility of the present Commission to provide the Parliament with all relevant information". Indeed, our Committee plans to hear the current Commissioners.

However, the EMIS Coordinators decided unanimously to also invite the Commissioners in charge of the Industry and of the Environment portfolios during the last three terms of the European Commission. We consider it extremely relevant to get a clear insight on the whole process leading to some of the key decisions on car emissions legislation and its enforcement. For instance, Regulation (EC) No 715/2007, which is a focal element of our mandate, was adopted during your term as Commissioner. Any evidence you may be able to provide could be crucial to shed some light on the state of the debate at that time and on how and why certain decisions were taken.

I would therefore like to reiterate our invitation to a hearing, which will take place during the committee meeting of **Thursday 14 July 2016, from 15h00 to 18h30**, on the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels.

You will be asked to give testimony and provide expertise in connection with the mandate of the EMIS Committee, by answering questions asked by its Members.

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Prior to the meeting, you will receive by email a list of written questions. I would be grateful if you could send us your replies to these questions by Thursday 7 July 2016. You are also welcome to submit in advance any information that you deem relevant for the work of the Committee.

You will find attached several documents with useful information as regards the conduct of the hearing and the work of EMIS Committee.

For any further information, you may contact the administrator responsible for the hearing in the EMIS Committee Secretariat, Ms Nora Kovacheva (phone: +32 2 284 22 44; email: nora.kovacheva@ep.europa.eu).

I very much hope that you will be able to accept my invitation.

Yours sincerely,



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CC: Mr Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament
Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER, President of the European Commission

- Annex:**
- 1) *Structure of EMIS hearings and practical information*
 - 2) *Mandate of the EMIS Committee*
 - 3) *Rule 198 and Annex VIII of European Parliament's Rules of Procedure*
 - 4) *Rules for reimbursement and travel expenses reimbursement claim*