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Subject: Joint ANEC / BEUC / ECOS / EEB position on “Making EMAS a system of excellence – Going beyond EMS”

Dear Commissioner,

We are writing to bring to your attention the joint position of ANEC, BEUC, ECOS and EEB regarding the Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS).

The four organisations question the value and usefulness of the EMAS scheme in its present form, and call for a substantive reform of the scheme by transforming it into an eco-label for companies - a true system of excellence. The joint position builds upon the findings of relevant studies, in particular those of a recent study by Force Technology (attached), and proposes several alternatives and improvements to the current scheme.

ANEC, BEUC, ECOS and EEB represent a broad base of European consumers and environmental organisations. We call on the European Commission to take our position and recommendations into consideration when revising the current EMAS scheme.

Our offices will contact you to see whether you would need any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

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ANEC President
On behalf of ANEC, BEUC, ECOS and EEB

Enclosed:

ANEC / BEUC / ECOS / EEB position “Making EMAS a system of excellence – Going beyond EMS”
”Going beyond EMS”, by Force Technology, Denmark, May 2006

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