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European Commission
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Concerning: - Position EEB on Carbon Capture and Storage
- Comment on Consultation technique.

Dear Commissioner,

Attached you will find an EEB position on Carbon Capture and Storage. As you know, the EEB is the largest federation of environmental citizens' organizations in Europe. The position is the result of intensive discussions in an expert group and the Board of the EEB. We would like to ask you to take our position into account in the further development of the EU policies on Carbon Capture and Storage.

I would like to explain why we have decided not to take part in the Consultation you have organized on the internet; for four reasons:

1. the consultation is anonymous and does not lead to publication of the individual contributions. We do not find this acceptable. Consultation with civil society should be an open and transparent process whereby every citizen should be able to see what other citizens as well as citizens' organizations, businesses and authorities, think about a subject. Only in this way can you stimulate public debate which can guide decision makers.
2. the multiple choice system does not allow to contribute with argumentation
3. the questions do not cover at all the issue of CCS leading to the need for extra fuel use (due to reduced efficiency of power plants) and the related extra environmental and health pressures.
4. the questions confront the participant with a choice between nuclear and CCS, which we find misleading.

We would like to urge you to change the Commission's approach to consultation so that these become transparent and become part of real dialogue

Yours sincerely,

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