



TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSIONERS
FROM THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU

Brussels, 17 September, 2001

Concerning : Your meeting on Wednesday 19 September on the
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of
the Council on the promotion of the use of biofuels for transport

Dear Commissioner,

As environmental NGOs have not been consulted during the preparation phase of the Commission Proposal on the promotion of the use of biofuels for transport, we therefore ask you to read and consider carefully our arguments **against** such a measure.

This proposal to promote biofuels makes little sense for preventing climate change or for supporting European farmers, and is economically a bad choice ; instead, it will maintain the pressure on biodiversity and eco-systems which has driven much of our wildlife to the risk of extinction.

We ask you to reconsider whether this Proposal is the adequate response to the problems at stake, and encourage you to withdraw it.

Please find attached a paper outlining our arguments in more detail. We will be also issuing a press release on the subject tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

John Hontelez
Secretary General

Attached : Background paper