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Subject: Principle of technology neutrality for maritime transport fuels

The principle of technology neutrality for fuels is an essential pillar in ensuring a fair and sustainable energy transition in the maritime transport sector. It demands that all innovative technologies have equal opportunities for development and deployment, thus fostering research and investment in various low-emission solutions. In particular, biofuels and biogas constitute viable alternatives for the medium term, being as they are more affordable technologies than expensive synthetic fuels. These fuels can make a decisive contribution to reducing CO₂ emissions, while at the same time providing maritime operators and Member States investing in them with a greater range of choice without impinging on their unique characteristics. They should this be subsidised from ETS income.

In view of this:

1. What does the Commission intend to do to enforce the principle of technology neutrality for fuels in the maritime transport sector, thus ensuring all energy solutions are treated equally?
2. How does it also intend to support and encourage the development and adoption of biofuels and biogas as sustainable transitional solutions in order to achieve the above objectives?

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