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Subject: Support for the European automotive industry affected by the requirement to go fully electric

One of the EU's Green Deal targets is to end the sale of new combustion-engine vehicles in Europe by 2035.

As a result of this anti-growth decision, the European automotive industry is being forced to go fully electric. And that is not all – they must do so according to an impossible timeline.

In August 2024, electric vehicles constituted only 12.5% of the European car market. Even worse, sales of electric vehicles in Europe have fallen by 10.8% in a year.

Despite these figures, the EU continues to require European carmakers to hit an electric vehicle sales quota of 20% of their total sales. If they fail to do so, they will incur very heavy fines (estimated at EUR 15 billion).

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to rethink its untenable targets for electric car sales in Europe?
2. Does the Commission intend to rethink the principle of imposing fines on European automobile manufacturers, given that any such fines will only further penalise them vis-à-vis their international competitors, especially Chinese competitors?
3. Has the Commission prepared a specific support plan to enable the European automotive industry to overcome the collapse of the electric vehicle market in Europe?

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