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Postponement of the vote on combustion engine phase-out

Quotes from Philippe Lamberts and Bas Eickhout

Today, the vote on the end of the combustion engine was postponed again by the Presidency of the Council.

Philippe Lamberts MEP, Co-President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, comments:

"The debate on the combustion car phase-out is an absurd spectacle that is already causing great damage in the EU. Germany has already agreed to the combustion engine phase-out in Brussels. The last vote is actually only the confirmation of a position that has already been decided. Germany must remain a reliable European partner."

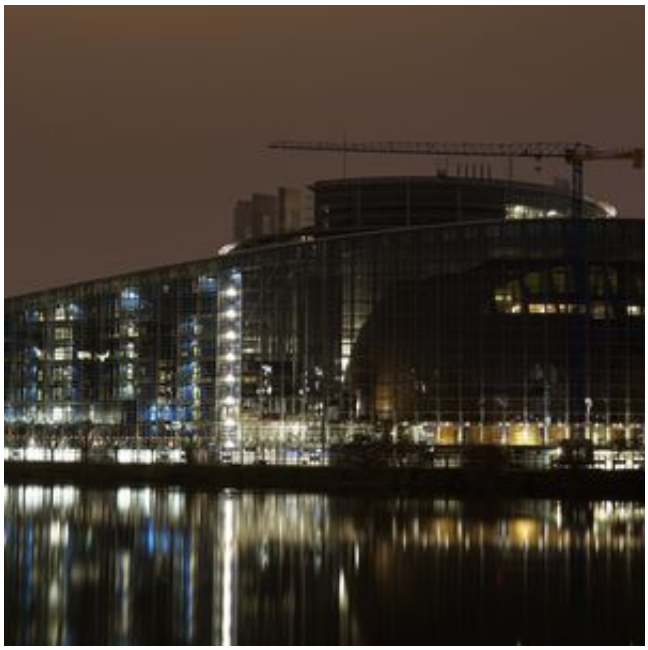
Bas Eickhout MEP, Greens/EFA Group negotiator in the European Parliament's lead Environment Committee, comments:

"The phasing out of the combustion engine must not fail because the policies of governments such as Germany, Poland and Italy are being driven by car industry lobbyists. FDP cannot change the vote that has already been given. Germany has to stay a reliable partner."

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