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The binding minimum objective of 10% for biofuels in transport must be maintained

Brussels. The Committee for Industry, Research and Energy at the European Parliament held a debate on Tuesday 27 May on the report from Mr Claude TURMES (Greens/EFA) on energy produced from renewable sources.

“Road transport will represent 90% of the growth in greenhouse gas emissions before 2010, it is therefore crucial to use biofuels which reduce these emissions,” declared Pekka PESONEN, Secretary General of COPA and COGECA.

“Accounting for the fact that the transport sector is not covered by the emissions quota exchange system, the objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions alone will not be enough for partially replacing fossil fuels with renewable fuels,” he added.

“Oil prices reaching over \$130 a barrel are not good news for inflation! Consequently, we have to diversify our sources of fuel,” he remarked.

“Animal feeds with a high protein content are a by-product of biofuel production. Such feedingstuffs are required for producing meat and dairy products. Currently, the EU imports 80% of its protein needs for animal feed, i.e. 35 million tonnes in equivalent soya cakes at a cost of approximately 9 billion euros. Biofuel production will allow the EU to reduce its trade deficit in this sector,” concluded the Secretary General of COPA and COGECA.

For further information, please see documents [\[BI\(08\)648\]](#) and [\[Bi\(08\)2061\]](#) available on www.copa-cogeca.eu

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