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Amendment 14

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to issue guidelines to ensure the selection of Important Projects of Common European Interest is in line with the Union's and Member States' commitments under the Paris Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 15

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 38***Motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

Amendment 16

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 47***Motion for a resolution*

47. Supports the Commission's review of the State aid guidelines in all relevant sectors, such as in transport, including air and maritime, in line with the objectives of the European Green Deal by applying the just transition principle and acknowledging the complementary role of the Member States' governments to support investments in decarbonisation and clean energy while ensuring a level playing field and that there is no market distortion; calls on the Commission to examine, in the context of the review of the Energy Taxation Directive¹⁰, whether the current tax exemptions provide for unfair cross-sector competition conditions;

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Or. en

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Amendment 17

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Calls on the Commission to develop an ambitious carbon border adjustment mechanism that would create a level playing field for European companies, which are all bound by EU environmental rules; stresses that this mechanism should not be restricted solely to the environmental impact of production, but also take into account travel distance and transport mode; calls on the Commission to develop relevant indicators to assess these impacts and calculate tax amounts due;

Or. en

Amendment 18

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 55***Motion for a resolution*

55. Reiterates that taxation is sometimes used to grant indirect State aid, creating an uneven playing field in the internal market; calls on the Commission to update its existing guidelines on the notion of State aid to ensure that the Member States do not grant State aid in the form of a tax advantage; deplores the abuse of tax rulings and welcomes the recent judgments of the General Court confirming that examination by the Commission of a tax ruling under a State aid point of view does not constitute tax harmonisation; observes that Commission rulings are often challenged in court and therefore need to be thoroughly prepared; insists that the Commission have access to the information exchanged between the Member States' tax authorities so as to better detect violations of competition rules; calls for the adoption of the proposal on the Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB) and the public country-by-country reporting;

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Or. en

