STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION

Re Article 8(5)

The Commission reaffirms its commitment to ensuring optimal environmental protection, pursuant to Article 95(3) of the Treaty.

Consequently, in its proposal aimed at including a new type-approval test cycle for motorcycles during the second stage in 2006, in accordance with Article 8(5), the Commission will also examine the date on which this test will become the only test procedure for the EC type-approval system.