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PCFV Work on Used Vehicles

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Used vehicles important for PCFV

- Vehicle fleets in developing and transitional countries are set to grow exponentially
- A large part of this will be imported used vehicles – in many countries, esp. LDCs, the majority will be used vehicles
- The average age of vehicles in developing and transitional countries can be as high as 20 yrs – so today's imports will determine fleet emissions for a long time to come



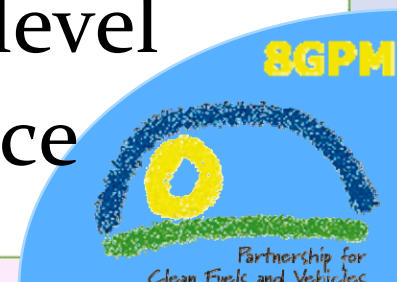
Environment Issues

- These vehicles have the potential to contribute to reduced emissions but also can aggravate the situation in terms of air quality and CO₂
- Thus incentives should be put in place to encourage the import of best available technologies
- Availability of cleaner fuels allows promotion of cleaner used vehicles, and with use of unleaded and low sulphur fuels in principle used vehicles can be state of the art
- Not only emissions issues – also waste (batteries) and recycling issues



Regulating the trade in used vehicles

- National policies vary widely (import bans, fiscal measures, emissions standards, etc)
- Most countries have no regulations in place
- Often situation unclear, data lacking
- lack of harmonised standards, illegal border trade, poor enforcement make it difficult to regulate at national level
- Some have asked PCFV for advice



Example Kenya

- Kenya not listed as major importer in global overviews... but imports are 80,000 vehicles per year (vs new sales 5,000)
- 8 year age limit, but;
- Other East African countries have no limits
- Older vehicles still entering market...



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- For PCFV to review possible role of PCFV in regulating used vehicles
- Develop a global campaign, similar to lead and sulphur campaigns on used vehicles
- Set up a Working Group to develop campaign, make proposal to partners
- Working group to focus on:
 - Getting **better data** on vehicles flows and quality
 - **Global agreement/ targets** for national regulation
 - **Support countries** in implementing targets
 - Focus both on **importing and exporting countries**
- First three very much in line with past PCFV approach/ work, fourth new to PCFV



Comments received

- Excellent issue for the PCFV to start work on
- Focus on personal vehicles only or also trucks, agricultural vehicles etc?
- EC in process of developing a used vehicles policy – to be used as possible example/ input
- Need resources for this – staff & funds for Clearing House

