R7 A1: Tax the Rich to Save the Climate

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Motion text

From line 60 to 62:

- We call on the European ~~states~~Union, or its Member States by lack of such EU power, to ~~introduce~~levy a ~~"climate and environmental tax"~~higher carbon tax rate for luxury products and on European states outside the EU to introduce such analogous measure. The rental, purchase and maintenance of yachts, for example, should be heavily taxed according to their environmental impact.

Reason

Editorial note: NO DELETION of lines 95-96

We believe that the European Union has a very important role to play in levying such taxes on luxury products. We harmonise this with our amendment on the Political Platform (see Chapter 4, section d) for the European Union to have its own (explicit) taxing power, albeit specific and limited, to raise its own resources. We also believe that simpler taxation lessens the burden of governments to get track of all the taxes they levy.