

knowledge about stratospheric ozone depletion and the anthropogenic greenhouse effect, but also recommendations on far-reaching measures to protect the earth's atmosphere (especially FCKW's). In its second report the Commission studied the problems involved in protecting tropical forests.

The major area of the Commission's last report (published 5th October 1990, around 1 000 pages) is the avoidance and reduction of releases of radioactive trace gases due to energy use, and the possible content of an international convention for the protection of the earth's atmosphere. The Commission had embarked upon a comprehensive study programme which reveals the state of knowledge on these complex subjects.

The Commission asks for a reduction of CO₂ emissions in Germany by 30 per cent, worldwide by 5 per cent until 2005. This target for Germany should be reached:

- by a comprehensive adjustment of all energy related laws;
- by a concept of energy taxes, incentives and measures in special sectors;
- by priority to energy saving and increased market penetration of renewable energies.