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## **Automakers call for Better Fuels for Environmental Protection**

### **4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Worldwide Fuel Charter published**

The Worldwide Fuel Charter was first established in 1998 to promote greater understanding of the fuel quality needs of motor vehicle technology and especially emissions control equipment. It has now been updated and re-issued in its 4<sup>th</sup> edition.

The Charter is developed and kept up-to-date by a committee of experts from Automobile and Engine Manufacturers in the USA, Europe and Japan, with participation from a wide range of other countries and with the support of OICA.

Advanced ultra-clean engine and vehicle technologies require the best fuel quality to achieve their emissions and performance potential. Fuels that are sulphur-free and metals-free are prerequisites to the effective use of these ultra-clean technologies.

*“Several new technologies are unable to reach their full potential, or are even prevented from being put on the market, because of the inadequacy of the fuels at the pump”* said **OICA Secretary-General, Yves van der Straaten**, *“we call upon all stakeholders to play their part in ensuring early and global availability of the high quality fuels called for in the Charter.”*

As with previous editions, the Worldwide Fuel Charter Committee invited interested parties to comment on the proposed changes to the charter. This edition generated considerably more comments than ever before and all contributions were carefully considered before the edition was finalised.

The new Worldwide Fuel Charter can be found at [www.oica.net](http://www.oica.net) under the heading “Fuel Quality”.

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