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CHAPTER I: The Courage to Put Planet and People
First – Our Green and Social Deal for Europe**

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From line 110 to 111:

recent EU legislation, such as introduction of the “energy efficiency principle”, are major achievements. ~~Now they must~~ However, these measures do not clearly differentiate between the distinct policies of sufficiency and efficiency. Sufficiency aims to reduce the consumption of energy and natural resources through changes in behavior, lifestyle and collective organization (fewer cars, more local and organic food, etc.). It differs from energy efficiency, which relies exclusively on technologies to reduce the energy consumption of a given object or system, without reflecting on its use. Above all, sufficiency is in line with the principles of social justice, since it encourages the capping of excessive consumption to respect planetary boundaries, while guaranteeing the energy consumption needed to meet basic needs. European sufficiency policies would therefore be fully implemented an appropriate way of tackling energy hoarding head-on, to protect the most vulnerable. For example, for transport, this means outlawing intra-EU air travel if reasonable rail alternatives exist, or capping vehicle tonnage. At the same time, it means financing cross-border infrastructure to enable high-quality rail and bicycle journeys. Taxation is also a lever: the EU could introduce a special higher rate for anti-environmental consumption and increase the level of the reduced rate for essential goods.