



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
CLIMATE ACTION

The Director-General (acting)

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Dear Petitioners,

Thank you for your kind message sharing your concerns and ideas for tackling our global climate and energy crises.

Together with other G7 Leaders, we reaffirmed at the Elmau Summit in June our unwavering commitment to the Paris Agreement and its strengthened implementation, informed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). We committed to urgent, ambitious, and inclusive action in this decade and urged other countries to do so as well, to keep a limit of 1.5 °C temperature rise within reach, to enhance resilience and adaptive capacity to the impacts of climate change, and to align financial flows with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Please rest assured that the EU is more committed than ever to do its part. I want to draw your attention to our EU Climate Law that confirms our objectives of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and a reduction in net emissions of at least 55% by 2030. Our fit-for-55 package of measures across the European economy that EU co-legislators are currently deliberating on will put us on track to reach our emission targets.

Our new REPowerEU plan in response to the hardships and global energy market disruption caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine will further accelerate our clean energy transition.

We are implementing an updated EU adaptation strategy, with a stronger international dimension, and a new strategy for financing the transition to a sustainable economy. This strategy aims to reorient financial flows to foster the transition towards a climate-neutral, climate-resilient, resource-efficient and fair economy.

Meanwhile, the EU and its Member States remain the leading supporter of climate action in developing countries, with a total of 23.4 billion EUR of public finance committed in 2020, of which some 50% dedicated to actions for climate change adaptation. This public funding is also meant to leverage private investment and adds on ambitious domestic policy measures undertaken by our partner countries.

Thank you for sharing your idea of negotiating a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. It is not immediately evident how this would engage major fossil fuel producing countries within a useful time horizon. The EU's climate and energy diplomacy efforts are invested primarily in encouraging and assisting partner countries in delivering their highest possible ambition as contributions to the Paris Agreement. We also promote voluntary initiatives on various particular aspects of climate and clean energy action, such as the Global Methane Pledge that seeks to reduce global methane emissions by at least 30% in this decade and that is now endorsed by more than 100 countries.

Yours faithfully,

E-signed

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