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SOLVING CLIMATE CHANGE REQUIRES A GLOBAL APPROACH

In its Resolution on “Winning the Battle against Global Climate Change” adopted today, the European Parliament has reinforced the view that climate change is a global issue that requires a global solution. Yet, it has repeated its call for a unilateral European Union reduction of greenhouse gas emissions of 30% by 2020.

UNICE believes that Europe cannot solve the issue in isolation, and that unilateral EU targets could seriously damage the EU economy, let alone competitiveness, with little or no environmental impact. It is vital to put in place a truly global cooperation framework involving all nations and regions, and to implement mechanisms to encourage the research, development and dissemination of new and existing technologies.

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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