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CLIMATE CHANGE CAN ONLY BE TACKLED GLOBALLY

BUSINESSEUROPE speaks for 40 leading national business organisations in 34 European countries. Our members and the companies they represent have impressive track records for reducing their greenhouse gas emissions and for using energy efficiently in Europe and across the world through innovative products and production processes.

At its Executive Committee last week BUSINESSEUROPE' members reiterated their support for the objectives of the EU's 2020 climate and energy package. An important element of this package is to work towards the conclusion of a comprehensive international climate change agreement. Climate change can only be tackled with success globally. BUSINESSEUROPE is convinced that at this point in time, in the absence of an international deal securing equally strong action from other economies, any further increase in the EU's unilateral 20% emission reduction target would be premature and even counterproductive.

The conclusion that now is not the time to move beyond 20% has been confirmed by the European Council on several occasions in recent months.

Note to the Editor

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