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COP19: BUSINESSEUROPE calls for more commitments towards an inclusive global climate deal

"Progress is very limited; we are half way through a four year process. It is vital that the momentum is continued. A long-term global agreement to tackle climate change is essential for the climate as well as for business" said BUSINESSEUROPE Director General Markus J. Beyrer.

COP19 concluded in Warsaw on Saturday with a large number of decisions taking the negotiations forward towards a long-term climate agreement, to be concluded in Paris in December 2015. BUSINESSEUROPE is however concerned that the final text reflects the reluctance of some of the parties to making strong commitments to a global deal.

European industry is already doing its share to reduce its own emissions. The EU is only responsible for 11% of the global greenhouse gas emissions. We need a global playing field as Europe cannot solve the climate challenge on its own.

Ahead of the publication of the 2030 package by the European Commission and the discussion of EU leaders in March 2014, BUSINESSEUROPE calls on the EU to set a single binding 2030 emissions reduction target. However, the EU must avoid a unilateral approach by legislating before clearer commitments from other countries are achieved. Until now this approach has not triggered the pledges European companies expected.

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