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President
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Dear President,

We need to put the record straight after the publication of an article in Euractiv referring to Mr Eickhout reaction to the rejection of a unilateral 30% emission reduction during the European Parliament plenary meeting, claiming that it is the result of actions by “undemocratic lobbyists” and “aggressive lobbying by BUSINESSEUROPE”.

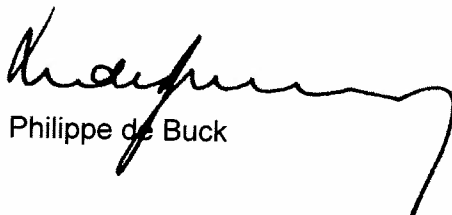
I would like to recall that BUSINESSEUROPE's letters to and contacts with the European Parliament on this issue were always transparent. Information given to the European institutions is publicly available on our website.

BUSINESSEUROPE and its members are unanimously convinced that 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.

Furthermore, making the move to a 30 % emission reduction target conditional upon the existence of an international agreement is not only the view of BUSINESSEUROPE. It is the position of the European Union and is enshrined in EU climate protection law.

The adoption of an amendment stressing this conditionality and the final vote on the Eickhout report by the plenary is the result of a democratic process. Claiming otherwise is utterly misleading.

Yours sincerely,



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