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### **EU should be stronger on comparable climate efforts**

- **Major carbon emitters to achieve global level playing field at COP21**

*(18 September 2015, Brussels)* Today's conclusions of the EU Environment Ministers on the global climate negotiations and the climate summit in Paris should have sent a stronger signal.

**Markus J. Beyrer, BUSINESSEUROPE Director General, said:**

**"While EU Ministers' overall climate conclusions go in the right direction, a clear call for comparable efforts by major carbon emitting economies outside Europe is missing.**

The COP21 summit in Paris must be a deal breaker for European business. We want an international ambition that is in line with the efforts we are already committed to in Europe.

**The end result should be an ambitious, comprehensive global agreement that ensures the rest of the world catches up with us. We need to establish a truly global level playing field for our industry", said Beyrer.**

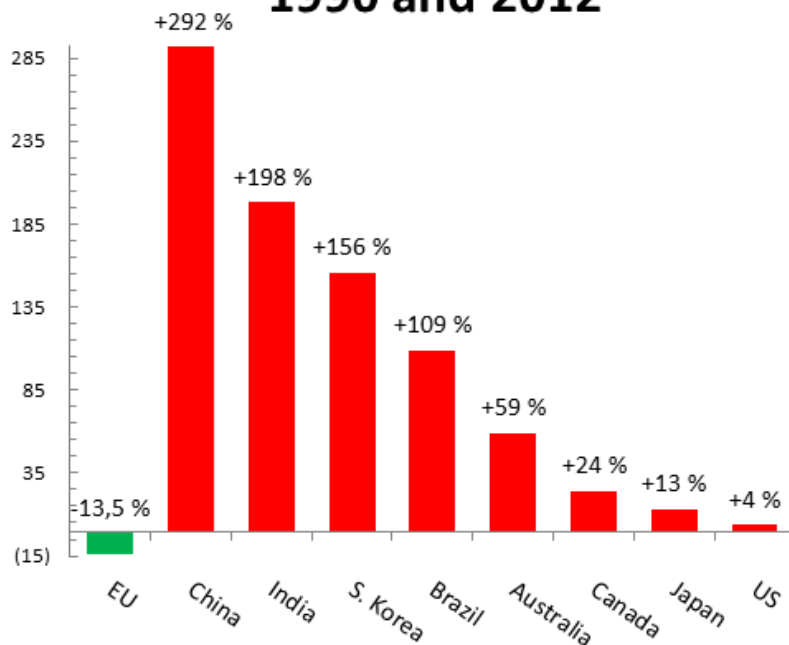
BUSINESSEUROPE points out to this week's warning of **UN General Secretary for the Climate Framework Convention Christiana Figueres** stressing that the **governments' emission reduction pledges now on the table will not be enough.**

The goal of emission- reduction is to avoid a global temperature increase of more than 2 degrees Celsius. **"Encouraging other countries to follow on the EU ambition through comparable efforts would have sent a bold signal of leadership. This is the only way to fight global warming. We cannot solve the problem alone", said Beyrer.**

He also highlighted the Ministers' call for non-state actors' involvement within the UNFCCC: "Private sector engagement has been a key priority for us in the run-up to Paris as we strongly believe industry worldwide can contribute with its experience and knowledge to a more inclusive system through a dedicated channel in the UN process", Beyrer added.



### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions evolution between 1990 and 2012



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