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Green demands for the COP 21

United Nations Climate Conference in Paris

The latest Assessment Report (5AR) by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has presented unequivocal evidence to demonstrate climate warming and that human activities are the dominant cause of observed climate change since the middle of the 20th century.

The climate-change impacts are already visible in natural and human systems on all continents and across the oceans. Continued emissions of greenhouse gases will cause further warming and changes to the land, atmosphere and oceans in all regions of the globe and in all countries.

From 2000 to 2010, global greenhouse gas emissions were the highest in human history. Scientists predict that without significant global mitigation action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, global average temperature is likely to be as much as 4 or 5°C higher by the end of the century. The UNFCCC climate summit in Paris will be a rare and crucial opportunity for the world to move forward and speed up the ongoing transformation to a zero carbon future.

Although every country will have to contribute to the effort to reduce their climate impact, the EU has to step up its ambition to ensure the future UN climate agreement, a Paris Protocol, is sealed in December 2015 and is up to the challenge of maintaining climate change to well below 2°C.

Ahead of Paris COP21, the Greens demand that the EU:

1. Steps up its climate ambition for 2030 to match the urgency of the situation (...)
2. Commits to more emissions reductions before 2020 (...)

The Greens call for the Paris protocol to :

1. Set a target of global phase-out of all carbon emissions (...)
2. Set a binding framework for emission reductions consistent with science and the 2°C objective … (...)
3. ... based on 5 year commitment periods (...)
4. Establish a common system for accounting greenhouse gas emissions (...)
5. Increase financial support to climate action in developing countries (...)

6. Maintain human rights at the core of climate action (...)

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