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Climate Conference needs to mark the end of the fossil era

Today, Members of the European Parliament adopted a resolution ahead of the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28). The resolution includes Greens/EFA key demands such as a global phase out of all fossil fuels, the end of fossil fuels subsidies by 2025 at the latest, the establishment of the loss and damage fund, much more overall ambition to significantly lower emissions, the tripling of renewable energy and the doubling of energy efficiency. The first review of the state's contributions after the Paris Agreement marks the moment to end the fossil era.

Pär Holmgren MEP, Greens/EFA lead negotiator for the COP28 resolution, comments:

"The Climate Conference is a crucial moment for the climate and the planet. The Greens/EFA call for an end of the fossil era and a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. Public money is needed to invest in renewable energy projects, boosting climate action, economy and industry.

"It is absolutely unacceptable that the fossil fuel lobby gets to influence the negotiations on climate action. The Greens/EFA urge the UNFCCC to permanently kick the fossil fuel industry out of the International Climate Conference in the same way the WHO did with the tobacco industry.

"At long last, the agreed loss and damage fund needs to be established and funded with fresh money. The EU and other big contributors to the climate crisis, like the US and China, should contribute with their fair share. The biggest polluters, causing floods and fires, must not continue to hold out on the countries most affected.

"Members of the European Parliament also urge the United Arab Emirates to free human rights activist Ahmed Mansoor and all political prisoners, to stop repressing the human rights movement and climate activists, and we call for the UN to have clear human rights criteria for the hosting countries of future UN Climate Conferences."

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