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No deal at COP31 over fights on phasing out fossil fuels

Antalya, Türkiye. After several attempts at finding a compromise outcome, negotiations at the UN Climate Conference in Antalya (COP31) collapsed over disagreements on the need to phase out fossil fuels and to triple adaptation finance to support vulnerable countries.

Pär Homgren, Greens/EFA MEP and part of the European Parliament delegation to COP31, comments:

"This COP was supposed to be when the world took action on bringing about the end of fossil fuels and stepping up support for vulnerable countries, but negotiators have failed in their responsibility to tackle the cause of climate change. After a year of record devastation from climate change, the world cannot compromise on phasing out fossil fuels. No deal is better than a bad deal."

Kai Tegethoff, Greens/EFA and Volt Europe MEP and part of the European Parliament delegation to COP31, comments:

"Leaving Antalya without a deal does not mean global climate action is over. It means Europe stood up to the bullying of oil and gas producers and stood on the right side of history by refusing to sign up to a text designed to greenwash fossil fuels.

"Moving away from fossil fuels is good for the climate. It lowers energy bills for citizens and industry, and protects us from the kind of blackmail we have witnessed at COP31. That is the lesson European leaders must take home: speed up clean, renewables-based electrification and keep our promises to vulnerable countries. Next year brings the second global stocktake and COP32 in Ethiopia. The EU must arrive with a coalition strong enough that petrostates cannot hold the process hostage again.

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