Question for written answer E-007037/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Rachida Dati (PPE)

Subject: Commission strategy for the 2015 Paris Climate Conference

With just over a year to go until the 2015 Paris Climate Conference, a UN climate summit is to be held on 23 September 2014.

The Paris conference will be a decisive step towards the signing of an ambitious and legally binding international agreement to restrict global warming to +2°C, and therefore national and European politicians must now start doing all they can with that in mind.

The EU, which accounts for less than 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions and which has an ambitious climate policy, should be able to speak with a strong voice around the negotiating table, at which it has a seat.

The Copenhagen conference and the others that followed it showed that Europe has as yet been unable to capitalise on the good example it sets by taking the lead in combating global warming, even though efforts have been and are being made to address the issue.

So as not to repeat past mistakes, what steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that this time the EU comes forward with a genuine European strategy that will allow it to speak with a strong and united voice on climate issues?

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