

**Question for written answer E-009568/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: COP 21 and carbon pricing

In early June 2015 six oil and gas companies launched an appeal to the Member States to adopt a 'practical and realistic' approach to carbon pricing in the work leading up to COP 21, which is scheduled to take place in Paris in December.

Through this 'unprecedented joint initiative' the groups are seeking to 'reduce uncertainty and encourage the most cost-effective ways of reducing carbon emissions widely'.

What is the Commission's view of this appeal from the major oil and gas groups in the light of the EU's goal of achieving an ambitious result in Paris at the end of the year?