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Subject: Man-made emissions

Article 4 of the recent Paris Agreement on climate change, signed by the EU in 2015, provides for achievement of 'a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases'.

This article clearly refers not only to reforestation and sustainable forestry management, but also, of course, to negative emission technologies (Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) and Biomass Energy Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS)).

In the light of the above, can the Commission:

- specify what these various technologies are, where they have been developed and what the actual capacity is for implementing them in the EU;
- say what percentage contribution they can be expected to make to reducing emissions of harmful gases into the atmosphere;
- state what role has been awarded to these technologies in the EU's current and future NDCs?

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