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to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Is the Commission a supporter of fossil fuels?

As the COP 22 opens in Marrakech, the Commission is getting ready to unveil its ‘Winter Package’, a set of legislative proposals entitled ‘Clean Energy For All’.

Leaks have revealed, however, that under this package renewable energies will no longer enjoy priority access to the market. Can the Commission not see that, in addition to guaranteeing investors a return, this mechanism has hastened the market acceptance of renewable energies?

It has also emerged that the Commission intends to set the target for renewable energy’s share of the electricity generation mix at 27% by 2030 (it is currently 20% by 2020), although the target is not binding and there is no breakdown by country.

Is the Commission aware that its proposals fall well short of what was agreed in Paris?