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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

"CLIMATE CHANGE"

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An orientation to the debate

On the occasion of the debate on Climate Change the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety wishes to put forward some questions to serve as a guidance and orientation to the debate.

1. Implementation of the Climate and Energy package

A) According to the *Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy in 2050* as recently published European Commission, the EU will be able reduce emissions EU-wide by 25%, if current legislation of the Climate and Energy package is implemented, including the 20% energy efficiency target.

How far do the national decisions and measures taken to date measure up to fulfilling the commitments and targets agreed in the Climate and Energy Package?

- relating to the decision on "effort-sharing"
- relating to the target on Renewables
- relating to energy-efficiency (non-binding target)

B) European Union Emission Trading System (EU ETS)
How do you see the functioning of the EU ETS to date?

2. International climate negotiations: EU priorities for COP17 in Durban

A) The European Parliament in its resolution of November 2010 in view of the climate conference COP16 in Cancun, concluded that the EU should step up to the 30% target reducing greenhouse gas emissions so as to ensure that its economy remains both competitive and sustainable.

Should the EU move unilaterally to a 30% target? And if yes, should it do so before the COP17 in Durban?

B) Financing

How can the EU honour the global financial commitment, as agreed in Cancun, of 100 billion US dollars per year by 2020 to support developing countries, in order to contribute to a successful outcome of the negotiations at the COP 17 in Durban?

C) Legally Binding Agreement

What form should the accord to be reached in Durban have? What can be done to get the US and the emerging economies involved, including committing themselves to binding targets?

D) Kyoto Protocol (post 2012)

Should the EU commit itself in Durban to a second commitment period for the Kyoto Protocol (post 2012)?