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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

for the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

on Towards a new international climate agreement in Paris
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy calls on the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the EU's leadership on climate change mitigation and adaption, including the creation of skills, jobs and growth that it brings; notes the crucial need for a global binding agreement to be concluded in Paris and stresses that continued EU leadership requires the full commitment of all parties to this agreement; insists on a regular, transparent performance review based on the most up-to-date data and technology;
2. Stresses that should other major competitors of the EU's energy-intensive industries fail to make similar commitments on GHG reductions, carbon leakage provisions will be maintained in the long term and strengthened where necessary; considers it vital that sustainable European agribusiness is protected against carbon leakage;
3. Encourages the Commission, in order to maintain a level playing field for EU industry and the energy sector, to promote links between the EU ETS and other emission trading systems, with the aim of creating a future world emissions trading market to significantly reduce global emissions and increase industrial competitiveness;
4. Insists on the global phase-out of environmentally and economically harmful subsidies, which distort competitiveness and hinder innovation;
5. Underlines the serious negative consequences of non-action; stresses that a concerted global political and financial push for clean energy innovation is crucial to meeting our climate goals and to facilitate growth in EU green-economy sectors; highlights the need to preserve existing copyright and intellectual property rights in technology and knowledge transfer to third countries;
6. Underlines the enormous carbon storage potential of the bioenergy sector; calls for bioenergy, together with grassland and forestry, to be recognised for their emission-mitigating qualities;
7. Commends the US and China on their commitment to playing a more significant global climate role; points to the economic benefits that strong global commitments bring for the competitiveness of EU industry; regrets that some developed countries continue to increase their emissions per capita.