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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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With this own-initiative report the European Parliament contributes to the debate on the development of a comprehensive 2030 framework for climate and energy policies of the EU. Parliament thus responds to the Green Paper of 27 March 2013 by which the Commission has started the debate on the climate and energy policy in the decade following the year 2020.

While the EU has a clear framework until 2020 and made efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote renewable energies, improve energy efficiency and security of supply, a subsequent framework ought to be developed early on for several reasons. An early agreement on a 2030 framework is important, as argued by the Commission, in view of the long investment cycles for energy infrastructures, in terms of clarifying objectives to ascertain progress towards achieving, in a cost effective way, the objectives of a competitive low-carbon economy by 2050 and to ensure energy security throughout the Union. Further, Industry asks for more investment certainty and a strong and robust framework could help companies to make investment decisions and create jobs. On the other hand, a new framework must also draw lessons from the current policies and take into account on-going developments within the EU and internationally (regarding, for instance, the economic and budgetary problems, global energy markets, cost and affordability of energy, ambition and commitment of international partners to reduce greenhouse gas emissions). In addition, an own-initiative report should support the preparation of an EU position for a possible international agreement on climate change mitigation in 2015.

For this joint report of both, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, the co-rapporteurs propose to focus on six core issues in the Union's future climate and energy policy:

- targets
- the coherence of policy instruments
- ensuring energy security
- fostering the competitiveness of the EU economy
- taking into account the differing capacity of Member States
- the position of the EU at the international level.