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to the Commission

Subject: Nuclear power and climate change

According to the Green Paper on Security of Energy Supply, initiated by the Commission Vice-President Mrs De Palacio, 'nuclear energy has enabled Europe to avoid the emission of around 300 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year'. The Green Paper forecasts that nuclear capacity in the EU will decrease by about 50 per cent between 2020-2050 if not replacement capacity is built.

In the light of this information, what energy policy will the Commission promote in order to ensure that the European Union will meet its climate change commitments, as outlined initially in the Kyoto Protocol?