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to the Commission**

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Subject: EU policy and halting global warming

According to scientists from the Met Office, a British organisation conducting climate research, global warming has decelerated. Researchers reached the conclusion that rising temperatures will come to a halt at levels below those of 1998. These results were obtained in spite of a marked growth in emissions of CO₂ and greenhouse gases in America and Asia. The scientists have ascertained that climate change is not closely linked to human activity, but rather that it has a cyclical nature.

In this connection:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the Met Office study?
2. Does the Commission intend to investigate the studies upon which it based its assumptions concerning CO₂ and greenhouse gas emission reductions, which were then adopted in the climate and energy package?
3. When did the Commission last commission studies on the advance of global warming? What institutes won these commissions?
4. What climate-change institutes is the Commission funding, and under what programmes is this funding provided?