

**Question for written answer E-012886/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Are the EU's ambitious emission reduction goals unrealistic?

In preparing for the Paris Climate Conference, the European Parliament's relevant committee is drawing up ever more ambitious goals, going far beyond existing commitments. The draft report entitled 'Towards a new international climate agreement in Paris' sets the following targets: a reduction of 50% in CO₂ emissions by 2030 and 95% by 2050; renewables to account for 45% of energy produced by 2030; and a 40% increase in energy efficiency by the same date. These goals are unrealistic and in themselves do not represent a solution. They are unrealistic because they do not take into account the massive costs these goals entail and their effects on the economy and on energy prices. They do not provide a solution because the EU accounts for 9% of global emissions, while China and the USA account for 35%. The Paris Conference will be successful if they can be prevailed upon to make a legal commitment.

In the light of all the above:

Does the Commission support a commitment to the above-mentioned concrete EU climate protection goals, if at the Climate Conference the USA and China do not make a legal commitment to a substantial reduction in emissions?