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In December 2015, the new Paris Climate Agreement was adopted. The Commission has repeatedly emphasised, most recently in Communication COM(2016)0110, that it regards the agreement as a great success.

This positive view is not universally shared, however, as the agreement incorporates no binding provisions. Many States have thus far given no hint that they intend to alter their climate policy in any significant way in the light of the Paris Agreement.

The problems facing European industry, which has been hit particularly hard by climate protection measures, have thus not been addressed. The issue of carbon leakage, i.e. the relocation of firms which generate large volumes of emissions to countries in which they incur very low if any additional costs as a result of climate protection measures, remains as topical as ever, therefore.

Against this background, what view does the Commission take of the announcement by the Republic of Korea, the world's eighth-largest producer of CO₂, that it intends to set its own climate protection target for 2020?

Should this be seen as an about-face in Korea's climate policy? How, if at all, is this decision linked to the outcome of the Paris summit?