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Subject: EU strategy for sustainable textiles and subsequent legislation and the need to reduce the textile industry's greenhouse gas emissions

Textiles are the fourth biggest contributor to climate change from an EU consumption perspective, and the industry's emissions are only expected to increase. A new strategy, including new binding legislation for this sector, is therefore very much needed.

1. The Commission's strategy and related legislative proposals need to be aligned with what is required for the sector to stay within the 1.5 °C pathway. For the sector's fashion component, even modest calculations¹ indicate that it would require at least halving emissions by 2030 globally. Will an EU climate target, in line with a 1.5 °C pathway, that embeds emissions from the EU's consumption and takes into account industry emissions from all three GHG Protocol Scopes be specified in the strategy and related legislative proposals, and will a mandate and responsibility for assessing whether measures are sufficient for those described objectives be assigned to an independent entity?
2. Will the strategy set a binding reduction target for the EU's textile consumption and production footprint, in line with the climate target?
3. How will the Commission ensure that the responsibility for achieving these emission reduction targets is not put in the hands of the consumer?

¹ <https://www.mckinsey.com/~media/mckinsey/industries/retail/our%20insights/fashion%20on%20climate>