

ORAL QUESTION H-0417/09
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to the Commission

Subject: An end of Copenhagen climate change deal

Last week was a big disappointment regarding the climate change fight. It seems that the climate talks have ended before they really started. Facts do speak for themselves - little or almost no progress was made on setting emission targets and finance that would allow developing countries to limit their emissions.

Yes, it is the fault of the richest nations and their political leaders' lack of courage. I would expect that at Copenhagen's global summit political leaders would keep their promise and sign a legally binding agreement. It is true that China and India are avoiding this discussion and the USA is backing off. It is also true that what the EU's environment ministers started, finance ministers have not yet finished. Europe must take the lead.

How is the Commission going to ensure that the Copenhagen meeting is a success and not a fiasco?

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