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The political and institutional world, amongst others – which has so far supinely endorsed the environmental disaster theories matured within the IPCC – has now begun to take an interest in the revision of the assertion that the main cause of the modest warming of the earth's atmosphere hitherto observed at ground level (between 0.7° and 0.8°C) is that of carbon dioxide emissions caused by human activity – a theory which has been doing the rounds for some time now in the international scientific world.

The Commission still apparently endorses the 2006 'Stern Review on the economics of climate change' and is planning its energy and environment measures by promoting adherence to the Kyoto Protocol and the so-called 20-20-20 Agreement; the aim of these, also via the establishment of burdensome and binding targets for individual states, is to achieve a drastic change in energy policy with a view to substantially reducing carbon dioxide emissions. 2009 promises to be a decisive year in terms of whether or not we will continue along this path, given the international events to be held in Italy (G8) and Copenhagen (COP 15).

In view of the position expressed by the Italian Government in December 2008 in Brussels, does the Commission not consider it should:

1. foster the widespread dissemination of the current findings of the most authoritative scientific debate on climate change, so that – subject to the aim of reducing Europe's energy dependency on external and non-renewable sources and reducing energy wastage – the Union can take account of the outcome of that debate when framing its energy and environment policy;
2. support and give momentum to the course of action proposed by the Italian Government in the December 2008 summit in Brussels, as a result of which the Council of the European Union adopted a clause relating to the possible revision of the 20-20-20 Agreement, to be discussed in March 2010 following the global summit in Copenhagen;
3. mobilise all of its resources to ensure that the revision of the 20-20-20 Agreement seeks to: make the quantitative objectives and time frame less coercive; generally rewrite the Agreement in order to make it effective, and secure agreement on a more rational and balanced use of the resources available in Europe and worldwide, with the aim of improving the quality of life of all the planet's citizens?