

**Question for written answer P-011329/2011
to the Commission**

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Subject: 17th World Climate Conference in Durban

At the forthcoming conference in Durban the EU will be making another attempt to implement a second phase of commitments under the Kyoto Protocol. Europe currently accounts for only 11% of CO₂ emissions and is complying fully with the emissions reduction obligations set out in the protocol.

It is vital that during the discussions the EU sets out a coherent, broadly defined position on further cuts in emissions between now and 2020. It will be more challenging genuinely to bring pressure to bear on the countries that cause the most air pollution, such as the US, China, India and Russia.

1. How does the Commission intend to urge these countries (partners) to make further cuts in emissions?
2. Will the competitiveness of the EU's economy be maintained in doing so?
3. Does the Commission have any studies or reports that attest to a significant reduction in these partners' emissions, particularly as the crisis will often be used to justify postponing emissions reductions?