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Delegations will find attached a joint statement by Ireland, Denmark, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Slovenia and Sweden regarding the general approach adopted by the Council (Environment) on 9 October 2018. The statement will be entered into the minutes of the Council meeting.

Statement by Ireland, Denmark, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Slovenia and Sweden

We are disappointed that the outcome of deliberations (general agreement reached) on the CO2 and Cars and Vans proposal at Environment Council today did not reflect the desire for greater ambition so many Ministers had clearly voiced at our last Council and today.

It is especially disappointing that the Council of Environment Ministers of the EU responded to yesterday's UN IPCC Report with a reluctance to prioritise the action necessary to deliver the necessary cuts in emissions to deliver on our Paris commitments and secure the long term future of the European industry.

The target reductions agreed here will allow the EU manufacturing industry to lose momentum at a time when the industry worldwide is on the brink of transformative change. The pace of transition to zero and low emission vehicles in Europe has been too slow. This regulation should provide us with the means and the opportunity to address this.

We hope that this clearly stated ambition will be revived as we work through this proposal with Parliament.
