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Delegations will find in the Annex the Statement of Intent on the abovementioned subject, as approved by the Council at its 4117th meeting held on 18 September 2025.

STATEMENT OF INTENT
BY THE DANISH PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND
THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS
MEMBER STATES IN VIEW OF THEIR POST-2030 NDC

In 2025, we mark the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Paris Agreement. On this occasion, the European Union (EU) reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the Paris Agreement and its goal of limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and to multilateral cooperation as the only effective means to address the global climate crisis. The EU reconfirms that the parties' NDCs must be in line with the Paris Agreement and the NDC requirements and must reflect progression.

The EU underlines that climate change is an existential threat to humanity, ecosystems and biodiversity, as well as to peace and security – a threat which spares no country, territory or region.

The EU is staying the course on climate. The EU has set binding reduction targets for 2030 of at least 55 pct. net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction compared to 1990 levels and of achieving economy-wide climate neutrality by 2050 at the latest. The EU is well on track to achieve the reduction target for 2030.

On 6 February 2024, the European Commission published its Communication on the EU's climate target for 2040, including a recommendation for an intermediate 2040 target, taking into account the scientific advice of the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change, and a detailed impact assessment and report on the carbon budget.

On 2 July 2025, the European Commission proposed an amendment to the EU Climate Law, setting out a legally binding EU net GHG emissions reduction target for 2040, including a possible limited contribution of high-quality international credits under article 6 of the Paris Agreement. On 18 September 2025, the EU Environment Council discussed the matter but has not yet finalised its position on the revision of the EU Climate Law, including the 2040 target.

In this regard, the Council will continue its work in line with the general political directions and priorities defined by the European Council, notably the upcoming European Council meeting in October 2025.

In response to decision 6/CMA.3 and decision 1/CMA.5, the EU and its Member States, acting jointly, will be submitting the next NDC of the EU with an indicative 2035 target of reduction in net GHG emissions of a number expected to be between 66.25 pct. and 72.5 pct. compared to 1990 levels. This is based on indicative linear trajectories from, on the one hand, the EU's climate targets for 2030 and 2050, and, on the other hand, from the target for 2030 and the European Commission's proposal for a 2040 target that is currently under discussion in the EU Council. This range is without prejudice to the final agreement on the EU's 2040 climate target in the EU Climate Law.

The EU's NDC will be submitted by the Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU and the Commission, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, ahead of COP30.

Agreement on the EU Climate Law and its 2040 target should inform EU's indicative target for 2035 and the NDC.

The EU and its Member States reaffirm their determination to continue leading by example, advancing ambitious climate action while fostering sustainable growth, resilience, and prosperity for present and future generations.
