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NOTE

from:	General Secretariat
to:	Delegations
Subject:	Political declaration on the use of industrial gas credits under the Effort Sharing Decision - Information from the Danish delegation

Delegations will find attached an information note from Denmark on the above topic, to be dealt with under "other business" at the meeting of the Council (Environment) on 14 March 2011.

**Political declaration concerning the use of industrial gas credits
under the Effort Sharing Decision**

- Information from the Danish delegation -

Following the approval by the Climate Change Committee of the Regulation on certain restrictions applicable to the use of international credits from projects involving industrial gases in the third phase of the EU ETS on January 21st 2011, Denmark has formulated a political declaration concerning its intention not to use the HFC and adipic-acid N2O credits for national compliance under the Effort Sharing Decision for the period 2013-2020. Denmark invites all Member States to join this political declaration.

DRAFT DECLARATION

Having regard to the draft Commission Regulation determining, pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, certain restrictions applicable to the use of international credits from projects involving industrial gases, approved by the Climate Change Committee and currently under scrutiny by the European Parliament, the undersigned support the objectives for this Regulation, which are to ensure a well functioning carbon market and to promote appropriate mitigation action by developing countries, in particular the most advanced.

The Regulation does not apply to credit purchasing programmes of Member States. In order to strengthen the achievement of the objectives of the Regulation, the undersigned Member States wish to voluntarily commit themselves to applying the restrictions contained in the above - mentioned Regulation in their compliance efforts under Decision 406/2009/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the effort of Member States to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions to meet the Community's greenhouse gas emission reduction commitments up to 2020. The undersigned hereby declare to refrain from utilizing HFC-23 and adipic-acid N2O credits for compliance under Decision 406/2009/EC.