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Re: EU climate leadership at the G7 and EU-China summits

Dear President Tajani, Dear President Tusk, Dear President Juncker,

In the wake of US President Donald Trump's recent threats to roll-back domestic action and international commitments on climate change, the upcoming G7 and EU-China summits are important opportunities for the EU to reaffirm its support for global climate action, the Paris Agreement and multilateralism.

It is alarming that the United States has already blocked a meaningful communiqué on climate change at the recent G7 energy meeting. Governments around the world have recognised and valued the EU's diplomatic leadership on climate action. Now is the time to prove it is still playing this role, both at home and internationally.

We urge you to ensure that the G7 and EU-China summits build on the Paris Agreement to accelerate climate action and pursue a transition to 100 per cent renewable energy, scaling up the global political momentum towards a phase-out of fossil fuels. The EU and its partners must publicly oppose all attempts to undermine or call into question the Paris Agreement and instead move the climate agenda forward, with or without the U.S.

Domestically, the EU must ready itself for an unprecedented transformation of its power, heating and transport sectors. The recent proposals for a Clean Energy Package must be strengthened to ensure that every EU citizen, local community and company has the ability to source, generate and store renewable energy by 2050 at the latest, while reducing the EU's overall energy consumption. To free Europe entirely from its reliance on fossil fuels and nuclear power within this generation means enabling people to take climate action and to benefit from renewables, while creating prosperity and jobs.

You must leave no room for uncertainty regarding the direction and speed of travel. The future is renewable.

We would like to request a formal meeting with your G7 representative before the end of May to discuss these matters fully.

Yours sincerely,

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