

## **EU committed to fight climate change**

In a letter sent to all EU Heads of State and Government, European Commission President José Manuel Barroso stressed that fighting climate change remains a top priority for the European Union and that the core goal must be to bring all international partners closer to the EU's ambitions and commitment to a multilateral agreement.

"We need to show that we have not given up on our ambitions, even if many of our partners found it easier to limit themselves to the lowest common denominator," wrote President Barroso. "We should rather show our commitment to press ahead with delivery – implementing our climate and energy package showing how tackling climate change is a dynamic element in a strategy for growth by creating jobs and boosting energy security under the Europe 2020 approach."

Noting the urgency of coming up with a global solution to climate change, President Barroso wrote that "we need the international process to continue, building on what we could agree in the Copenhagen Accord and finding new ways to instill trust back into the process." With that in mind, President Barroso has asked his newly-appointed Commissioner for Climate Action, Connie Hedegaard, to consult key international partners to find ways to reinvigorate the international process.

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