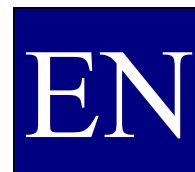




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Analysis of options to move beyond 20% greenhouse gas emission reductions and assessing the risk of carbon leakage

- Council conclusions -

*3036th ENVIRONMENT Council meeting
Luxembourg, 14 October 2010*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"The Council of the European Union

1. RECALLS its conclusions of 11 June 2010 as well as the European Council conclusions of 17 June 2010 and WELCOMES the ongoing discussions on assessing policy options to move beyond 20% greenhouse gas reductions.
2. TAKES NOTE of the Presidency report on the follow-up of the communication "Analysis of options to move beyond 20% greenhouse gas emission reductions and assessing the risk of carbon leakage" and INVITES the Commission to further elaborate on options, including those contained in the communication, and conduct further analyses on the consequences at Member State level, as appropriate, with a view to presenting those as soon as possible.
3. HOLDS the view that the roadmap for a safe and sustainable low-carbon economy by 2050, under preparation by the Commission to further develop and implement a long-term Low Emission Development Strategy, should also inform this analysis of policy options up to 2020.
4. RESOLVES to continue, under the strategic direction of the European Council, to examine options to move beyond 20% greenhouse gas emission reductions to be prepared to react to the ongoing international climate negotiations and DECIDES to revert to these issues as soon as possible with a view to the Spring 2011 European Council."

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