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**Subject:** Consultation on the 2015 International Climate Change Agreement: Shaping international climate policy beyond 2020 - citizen

Dear EU,

As an EU citizen very concerned about climate change (unlike the great majority of the public), I urge you to set the lead on the world stage.

1. I was disappointed that the EU did not go beyond its legal Kyoto+ target to reduce emissions by 20% over 1990 levels by 2020. We should have adopted the 30% target without reference to what other countries were doing.

2. In the 2020 - 2030 period, we will need to reduce emissions by a significant level if we are to achieve an overall 80% reduction in world emissions by 2050. As a developed economy, we will need to reduce by up to 95% to enable developing countries some level of catch-up in their standard of living. I would say we would have to reduce our emissions by 60% by 2030 v. 1990 levels. This will be very hard to achieve.

3. I am sceptical of the 2 degree C target to stop runaway climate change. I think it is too high. I agree with the South Sea Islanders who advocated a 1.5 deg. target at climate change conferences without success. Could the EU agree on this? If we accept this, our emissions targets will have to be even more onerous.

Best of luck with the negotiations for an agreement in 2015 for action from 2020. It seems very late to me - we need action right now I feel.

Thanks & regards,

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