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JOINT POLITICAL DECLARATION TO EXTEND BAN ON USE OF INDUSTRIAL GAS OFFSET CREDITS FROM EU ETS TO NON-ETS SECTORS

I wanted to write to welcome Denmark's proposal at Environment Council in March that Member States should refrain from using international credits from HFC-23 and N₂O from adipic acid projects for compliance in the EU Greenhouse Gas Effort Sharing Decision.

I was pleased when the Climate Change Committee voted to restrict the use of these credits in the EU Emissions Trading System in January. It would be inconsistent for Member States to then purchase the credits that they have prevented ETS operators from using. I have no hesitation in saying that the UK will sign up to your declaration, committing us to refrain from using these credits.

I hope you are successful in encouraging all other Member States to sign up to your declaration as I consider that this will help to ensure a well-functioning carbon market and promote appropriate mitigation action by developing countries.



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