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PROGRESSIVE LEADERS' PARIS DECLARATION FOR COP21

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As European Socialists and Democrat Leaders, we urgently call for an ambitious, universal, dynamic and legally-binding agreement at the COP21 to secure a sustainable livelihood for us all. The human-induced climate crisis poses one of the biggest threats to our societies, health and ecological systems world-wide.

The United Nations' Climate Change Conference in Paris (COP21) hosted by Francois Hollande in December offers us a unique opportunity to overcome dangerous climate change. We will cooperate closely with the French government, led by the Parti Socialiste, in its endeavor to put international climate change action on a sustainable path, ensuring this is a historical turning point and to make the European Union a credible leader in climate action again.

The need for action is urgent. In Europe, people are already, and increasingly, exposed to the consequences of global warming, with vulnerable groups – children, the poor, and the elderly – suffering most. In the global South, people pay a high price for climate change's impacts. Despite having contributed the least to the warming of the atmosphere.

For us, European Socialists and Democrats, our common fight against climate change goes hand in hand with our continuous battle against social injustices in Europe and world-wide. We are committed to addressing the environmental crisis and the social inequalities together, by organising a fair transition to a new, sustainable and decarbonised economic model. This will improve the health and well-being of our citizens. We will also foster the full potential for green job creation and green investment opportunities. We do this, because it is a question of intergenerational justice, as delayed action will make it socially, economically and environmentally more costly for future generations. This is why we also strongly advocate the adoption of appropriate climate mitigation and adaptation measures before 2020.

Together, we have a vision for an environmentally and socially more sustainable world. Today, on 21 October 2015, we European Socialists and Democrats are making the following 21 progressive proposals for COP21, to put international climate action on an effective path, to make Europe a credible leader in global climate action and to eliminate injustices caused by the climate crisis.



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21 PROGRESSIVE PROPOSALS FOR COP21

We call for:

The 2015 Paris Agreement – binding, universal and dynamic

- 1 • A universal and binding international agreement, entering into force once agreed upon by countries representing a large majority of global emissions and in 2020 at the latest.
- 2 • A dynamic climate agreement that includes mechanisms for review every five years combined with a robust mechanism for the continuous strengthening of national and collective commitments.
- 3 • Adaptation and loss and damage to be a key part of the new agreement.
- 4 • All countries to commit to a collective target of greenhouse gas emission reductions globally in the upper range of 40-70% by 2050 compared to 2010 as recommended by the IPCC. All countries should re-endorse the aim to keep global warming below 2 degrees Celsius and to start phasing out fossil fuel subsidies without delay.
- 5 • The Paris agreement to enshrine a transformative moment for the global society to alter its attitudes.

The European Union – international climate leader by example

- 6 • The EU to act as a role model and leader at COP21, speaking with one voice.
- 7 • All EU and national policies and regulatory frameworks to be aligned with climate change objectives. We strive to also align international policies, regulatory frameworks and institutions with these objectives.
- 8 • The EU to increase its domestic greenhouse gas reduction targets after COP21 from the current level of at least 40% by 2030 compared to 1990, together with its targets on renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- 9 • The creation of a progressive European Energy Union that promotes the rapid and fair transition to a decarbonised economy based on renewable sources of energy, energy efficiency and the reduction of energy consumption and an end to fossil fuel subsidies. We want the EU to move towards an environmentally sustainable and job creating circular economy.
- 10 • An ambitious reform of the European Emissions Trading System and a European system of carbon taxation to set an appropriate price on carbon. It must be accompanied by non-market-based tools (standards, rules and public regulation, adapted industrial policies, public investments and incentives).
- 11 • EU Member States to swiftly ratify the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.
- 12 • The EU to prove through its policies that climate protection, sustainable economic growth, jobs creation and social development go together hand in hand at all levels, local, regional, national and global.



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Climate finance – promoting global investment for resilient low-carbon economies

- 13 • The EU and its Member States to agree on and implement a roadmap for scaling up predictable, new and additional international climate finance. It should include the EU's fair share of USD 100 billion annually by 2020 in the framework of the Green Climate Fund, but also the period before 2020, by mobilising both public and private resources.
- 14 • Development banks to develop climate investment roadmaps which exclude financial support to fossil fuels. An international financial transaction tax (FTT) mechanism can also finance climate action and sustainable development.
- 15 • All countries to put in place carbon pricing mechanisms in a fair way.
- 16 • Financial regulations to promote transparency and a goal of at least 10% of financial actors' investment flows to be redirected to eco-friendly economy projects.

North-South cooperation – global solidarity to protect people from climate risks

- 17 • An EU development cooperation that recognises the risk posed by climate change to development and poverty eradication and supports developing countries in averting these dangers. We will foster the implementation of the entirety of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development's goals. The legal status of climate refugees and their rights to protection should be discussed within the Geneva Convention.
- 18 • More financial and technological solidarity.
- 19 • EU development cooperation that includes gender-equitable, participatory and rights-based approaches.

Stakeholder participation – engaging climate action partners beyond governments

- 20 • An investment agenda that supports cities and regions in their efforts to make communities more sustainable and climate resilient and provides support to initiatives such as the Covenant of Mayors.
- 21 • All stakeholders to play their full role in tackling climate change, in reducing the risks of climate related disasters, and in the scrutiny process of climate mitigation and adaptation commitments.

We European Socialists and Democrats are ready to play our part to reach a global agreement for a fair and shared effort to protect the planet from dangerous global warming.

We need climate action now.



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