

Message by Connie Hedegaard on US President Barack Obama's declaration on climate action plan

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On 26 June 2013, Connie Hedegaard, Member of the EC in charge of Climate Action, made a declaration where she welcomed the announcement of Barack Obama, President of the United States, on the intention to map out America's first climate change strategy, cutting greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, shoring up coastlines against flooding and sea level rise, and helping advance an international climate deal.



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00:00:05	Soundbite by Connie Hedegaard, Member of the EC in charge of Climate Action (in ENGLISH): In the European Union we are really glad to see that the United States now moves from good words on climate to real action. I believe that the US President Barack Obama deserves credit for what he announced yesterday and we can only cross our fingers that he will actually also be able to carry these different initiatives through. The matter of the fact is that the US still emits more than double as much CO2 per inhabitant as we do in Europe. In Europe, we have been reducing our emissions since 1990 by 18% where in the same period the US has increased their emissions by 8%. So it is very good what we saw yesterday from the US President. We all have to do more. That also goes for Europe. That is whv the	00:01:19

Europe. That is why the Commission has presented a green paper so that we can now move on to define our 2030 target because it does without saying we can only make the global transition into a more low carbon world that we really need if all of us do more. What we saw yesterday in the US was a promising start.

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