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Statement by Connie Hedegaard on the Climate Change Committee meeting on the EU Emissions Trading System

Following today's Climate Change Committee meeting between the Commission and Member State representatives to discuss the security of the national registries in the EU's emissions trading system, Connie Hedegaard stated:

"I am very satisfied that Member States unanimously backed the Commission's handling of the registries issue so far. There was unanimous understanding of the seriousness of the situation and the need for each Member State to ensure optimal security before its national registry is allowed to resume normal operation. Such decisive action will help fight criminal abuse of the trading system related to the national registries."