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Dear Mr Sobotka,

The European Commission would like to thank the Czech Senate for having examined the Communication of the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Stepping up international climate finance: A European blueprint for the Copenhagen deal {COM(2009)475} and for having provided its opinion on the issue.

The EU acknowledges that action by the EU and other developed countries alone is not sufficient to contain global warming. The contribution from developing countries and in particular from emerging economies, to climate mitigation will be crucial. The Commission also considers that economically more advanced developing countries will be able to finance a part of their mitigation action with their own resources. However, actions in developing countries will also require support through the carbon market and, to some extent, external public finance, notably for the most vulnerable among them. An effective coordination of the different financing instruments and between donors and developing countries will be essential to ensure effective use of the scarce resources¹.

The EU bases its climate policy on the best available scientific advice as provided by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The IPCC assesses scientific, technical and socio-economic information relevant for understanding the risks of climate change.

¹ The brochure "*Supporting a climate for change - The EU and developing countries working together*" provides further information on EU cooperation with developing countries (please see http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/multimedia/publications/documents/thematic/ea_climatechange_br_final.pdf).

With respect to the appeals to the Commission:

The assessments of the IPCC represent the consensus of thousands of scientists worldwide, based on peer-reviewed research. Objectivity is ensured by the broad and open review process and shared responsibility for the reports. No government, organisation or individual has sole responsibility for any part of the IPCC reports.

There is now broad scientific consensus on the fact that man-made greenhouse gas emissions contribute to climate change. The 4th assessment report of the IPCC, which represents the most authoritative source of scientific information on climate change world wide, distinguishes clearly between natural variation and man-made climate change.

In addition, it should be noted that the Commission has a transparent communication policy with all stakeholders as well as with the wider public on climate change, and takes into account their different contributions.

I am looking forward to further developing our policy dialogue,

Yours sincerely,

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Vice-President of the European Commission