

Statement by the Committee on Industry and Trade 2012/13:NU24

Summary

In this Statement, the Committee considers the European Commission's Green Paper on a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies (COM (2013) 169). The publication of the Green Paper marks the start of a public consultation initiated by the Commission which will continue until 2 July 2013.

In its position, the Committee expresses its support for the Government's opinion that a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies needs to be prepared and decided on as soon as possible in order to provide guidance for European business and industry as well as other stakeholders in society regarding the EU's climate and energy policies after 2020. Further, the Committee considers that the EU should decide on ambitious and binding goals for how much the EU's emissions of greenhouse gases should be reduced by 2030. Regarding goals for renewable energy and energy efficiency, the Committee considers that the Commission should examine the advantages and disadvantages of different energy policy goals before a position is taken for or against possible proposals for binding goals in these areas.

Two reservations on the matter are attached (from the Social Democratic Party, Green Party and Left Party and from the Sweden Democrats).