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Dear Prime Minister,

As you prepare for the Paris Climate Summit, we make an urgent request for your leadership to advance the negotiations on some key elements that are critical to achieving an agreement in Paris.

Climate finance after 2020

Throughout 2015, little or no attention has been paid to post-2020 climate finance.

Financial support is necessary to help poor countries to tackle the growing effects of climate change and transform their economy away from the use of fossil fuels.

Together with all those able to do so, Europe needs to continue to provide predictable and reliable financial support also after 2020, with the current annual target of 100bn USD to be seen as the floor for such support. European leaders need to strongly reiterate that they will continue to provide public climate finance which is necessary for action in some of the most vulnerable countries.

Global Pathway towards full decarbonisation by 2050

Our economy needs a strong signal that the fossil fuel era is coming to its end, and that our energy future lies with 100% safe and sustainable renewable energy and energy efficiency. Heading toward Paris we urge you to take the opportunity to show your support for the need to phase out greenhouse gas emissions by the middle of this century.

This long term vision will need to be strengthened by short-term actions, both before and after 2020. Europe can take the lead in reducing the pre-2020 gap by proposing not to carry over the surplus emissions that will be accumulated between now and 2020 given the 20% target has already been achieved well ahead of time.

Revision of mitigation contributions (INDCs)

The UNEP estimates that current pledged contributions will result in a 3 degrees warmer world. It is thus clear that the current pledges will need to be improved before their implementation starts. While the outcome in Paris alone will not be able to guarantee a safe future without disruptive climate impacts, the decisions made in Paris must not close the door for keeping temperature rise below 1,5°C and 2°C. It is therefore essential that you push for a revision of the contributions as soon as possible after Paris, and no later than 2018. The Paris Agreement should also compel all countries, from 2020, to table more ambitious targets every five years in order to uphold our commitment to prevent dangerous climate change.

Support vulnerable countries on Loss and Damage

Many developing countries will face irreversible impacts from climate change, incurring severe losses to local communities. We ask you to ensure that Europe stands with vulnerable countries as they strive to ensure Loss and Damage is fairly addressed in the Agreement.

For further information on CAN Europe's position for COP21, please see our annex of priorities which is also provided with this letter.

Yours Sincerely,



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