

**Question for written answer E-003166/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: International Court of Justice (ICJ) advisory opinion on climate change and the EU's climate obligations

On 23 July 2025, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) issued a landmark advisory opinion on international law and climate protection, stating that 'a clean, healthy and sustainable environment' is a human right and that, therefore, states are obliged under international law to take ambitious measures to mitigate the climate crisis in order to protect human rights and the livelihoods of future generations.

1. How is the Commission assessing the legal implications of the ICJ opinion for the climate policy commitments of the EU and its Member States?
2. What concrete political or legislative measures does the Commission plan to take to ensure that EU climate policies align with the ICJ's findings, especially regarding the 2040 climate target and the potential negative outsourcing of climate action through international emission credits?
3. How will the Commission take the advisory opinion into account when assessing the Member States' climate targets under the European Green Deal and the Fit for 55 package?

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