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On behalf of the European Commission

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1. Latest data from the World Meteorological Organisation Greenhouse Gas Bulletin further support EU and Commission action to reduce all greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to be on track to net-zero by 2050. This includes implementation of the Fit for 55 package to meet the EU's 2030 55% target. The Commission will make a legislative proposal for the recommended net 90% GHG emission-reduction target for 2040¹. The development of the post-2030 policy framework will then follow.

2. Thanks to its ambitious climate policies, the EU now only emits 6% of global emissions². It will continue to lead by example and actively support multilateral negotiations under the Paris Agreement, while engaging with third countries to promote the EU Green Deal and share its experience. This includes support for robust carbon markets, capacity for modelling, strategies and transparency and as co-convenor of the Global Methane Pledge and main backer of United Nations Environment Programme's International Methane Emissions Observatory.

3. Member State authorities are primarily responsible for disaster risk management. The Commission supports efforts through finance from the European Regional Development Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development. It supports capacity building through initiatives like the EU Civil Protection Mechanism peer review programme³ or guidance on land-based wildfire prevention measures⁴, and has established the Expert Group on Forest Fires for knowledge sharing.

The Commission will prepare a European Climate Adaptation Plan to support Member States on preparedness and planning and ensure regular science-based risk assessments.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2024%3A63%3AFIN>

² https://climate.ec.europa.eu/document/download/d0671350-37f2-4bc4-88e8-088d0508fb03_en

³ <https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/disaster-prevention-and-risk-management/ucpm-peer-review-programme>

⁴ <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/4e6cc1f1-8b8a-11eb-b85c-01aa75ed71a1>