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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Paris Agreement is an essential element of the EU-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement¹ (FTA) and the Commission is committed to ensuring that its objective and purpose is respected, including in relations with the EU's closest partners.

On the occasion of the Trade Committee under the FTA, both the EU and New Zealand reconfirmed their commitments to the implementation of the Paris Agreement and to its principles, objectives and its global temperature goal.

The Commission is aware of New Zealand's announced revision of its methane emissions target range. The Commission will analyse the implications of the announced measure in further detail and also in view of the commitments taken by New Zealand under the FTA.

The institutional provisions in Chapter 24 of the FTA establish the structure and procedures to analyse, discuss, and address any matters which arise in relation to the FTA, including matters related to the Paris Agreement on climate change. Furthermore, the provisions under Chapter 26 establish the framework for dispute settlement.

Depending on the findings of the above-mentioned analysis, the Commission stands ready to raise the matter with New Zealand, including in the relevant committee(s) established under the FTA with a view to ensure proper implementation of the FTA commitments, including on climate related matters.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202400229.