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on behalf of the European Commission
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The delegation of the EU to the United Nation Climate Change Conference in Baku has been composed of representatives and officials of EU institutions and agencies, and contractual staff. There have been no fossil fuels lobbyists accredited by the EU.

As part of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat's overall efforts to increase the transparency of participation in the UN Climate Change process, the final list of participants registered as part of the EU Delegation is published in the official website of the UNFCCC¹.

Furthermore, it is important to recall that it is Parties, not observer organisations such as business and industry, which take decisions and negotiate legal instruments, under the UNFCCC. As regards the participation of observers/non-party stakeholder (NPS) in the UNFCCC process, the EU believes in the importance of maintaining the inclusiveness of the UNFCCC process. The EU has made several submissions on NPS participation in the UNFCCC process, including the issue of conflict of interest. The NPS constituencies can make interventions and it is their responsibility to ensure that their interests are reflected in a balanced way which supports the achievement of the objectives and purpose of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement.

The Commission will continue in all our conversations with the other Parties, UNFCCC secretariat and the non-party stakeholders to uphold and defend the EU's core values.

¹ <https://unfccc.int/documents>