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NOTE

from:	General Secretariat
to:	Delegations
Subject:	Political declaration concerning the use of industrial gas credits under the Effort Sharing Decision - Information from the Danish delegation

Further to the Council (Environment) meeting on 14 October 2013, delegations will find in Annex an updated information note from the Danish delegation on the above subject.

**Political declaration concerning the use of industrial gas credits
under the Effort Sharing Decision**

- Information from the Danish delegation -

In connection with the approval of the Commission Regulation (EU) No 550/2011 on certain restrictions applicable to the use of international credits from projects involving industrial gases during the third phase of the EU ETS Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and the United Kingdom on 21 June 2011 agreed on a political declaration (st 11785/11) concerning their intentions not to use the HFC and adipic-acid N₂O credits for national compliance under the Effort Sharing Decision for the period 2013-2020. Denmark invites these Member States to reconfirm their commitment and other Member States to join this political declaration.

DECLARATION

Having regard to the Commission Regulation (EU) No 550/2011 determining, pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, certain restrictions applicable to the use of international credits from projects involving industrial gases, the undersigned support the objectives of this Regulation, which are to ensure a well functioning carbon market and to promote appropriate mitigation action by developing countries, in particular the most advanced.

The Regulation does not apply to the credit purchasing programmes of Member States. In order to strengthen the achievement of the objectives of the Regulation and in order not to undermine the phase out of HCFC-22 and to support the regulation and treatment of HFCs under the auspices of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Depletes the Ozone Layer, the undersigned Member States wish to voluntarily commit themselves to applying the restrictions contained in the aforementioned Regulation in their compliance efforts under Decision 406/2009/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the effort of Member States to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions to meet the Community's greenhouse gas emission reduction commitments up to 2020.

The countries listed below hereby declare that they shall follow the same restrictions as adopted in the aforementioned Regulation, including future amendments regarding restrictions on utilizing HFC-23 and adipic-acid N₂O credits for compliance under Decision 406/2009/EC.

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Croatia, Cyprus, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
