

Presidency Conclusions
Interparliamentary conference on climate change,
6-7 October 2019, Helsinki

- Reiterating EU's commitment to goals of the Paris Agreement;
- Stressing the urgency of the climate challenge, underlined by the IPCC Special Report on 1,5 degrees, the message of which is that it is of utmost importance to limit climate change to 1,5 degrees, because already between 1,5 and 2 degrees irreversible large scale adverse impacts are possible;
- Referring to UNEP's Emission Gap Report, according to which the current NDCs (nationally determined contributions) imply global warming of about 3 degrees by 2100, with warming continuing afterwards, and the risk that if the emissions gap is not closed by 2030, it is very plausible that the goal of a well-below 2 degrees temperature increase will be out of reach;

The majority of members of delegations at the Interparliamentary conference on climate change in Helsinki on 6-7 October 2019:

- Call upon the new European Commission and the European Council to continue to play a leading role in global climate policy and to step up the EU ambition level by setting a carbon neutrality target by 2050 and by raising the 2030 target;
- Stress the importance of actively involving our citizens, businesses, investors and other societal organisations in an economically viable and socially just transition towards a carbon neutral EU;
- Look forward to the proposals of the incoming European Commission for a European Green Deal, including measures to ensure an international level playing field, avoid carbon leakage and the further update of the sustainable finance action plan.