

Press Release

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Statement by Connie Hedegaard, European Commissioner for Climate Action, on the pre-COP meeting that took place in Mexico 3-5 November 2010

"We had two days of constructive discussions in Mexico City, which showed the emerging contours of a deal in Cancun. Such deal would be based on a package of decisions that take important next steps in key areas such as mitigation, transparency, adaptation, deforestation and financing. Key elements of that package however remain to be fleshed out to ensure that it balances the different expectations and demands among groups.

The challenges that remain should not be underestimated. We saw a similar willingness and commitment to finding solutions prior to the Copenhagen Summit last year. We need the constructive spirit among ministers here in Mexico City to translate into a clear commitment to compromise at the negotiating table in order to unlock a deal in Cancun.

The EU will provide its full support to the incoming Mexican Presidency to help make Cancun a success."

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