



Brussels, May 24, 2013

Subject: Support for a universal and inclusive post-2015 development framework

Dear Minister,

At the upcoming Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels, May 27-28, you will discuss the Post-2015 development framework and the follow up to Rio+20. We welcome the current position of the EU regarding this process, namely the joint development and environment approach as set out in the recent joint Communication "A Decent Life for All: Ending poverty and giving the world a sustainable future". CAN Europe appreciates the integrated position of the EU; however, Member States must demonstrate coherent support and ensure that this position is carried through and applied both internationally and domestically.

Thus CAN Europe calls on you to support an EU position that puts forward the following elements:

- The integration of the two international processes to form one overarching framework: the follow up to the MDGs and the advancement of the sustainable development goals.
- Climate change must be mainstreamed into all of the future global goals. This should translate into coherence between sustainable development and ambitious mitigation, adaptation and disaster risk reduction measures.
- The global framework should respect international climate change commitments and thus pursue development pathways that stay well below a 2°C global temperature rise.
- This means that domestically, the EU must set down clear post-2020 emissions reductions targets to stay on track towards a zero carbon economy.
- Equity should be at the heart of the global approach: goals and targets must be universal and applied based on national circumstances, needs and vulnerabilities.
- This equity should translate into stronger EU efforts to tackle unsustainable consumption and production of resources, goods and services.
- Development measurements need to go beyond GDP and consider elements such as fair access to global public goods and the well-being of people and nations.

CAN Europe insists that Ministers in the EU take the first step in acting on these broad principles to translate them into clear steps for action both at home and abroad.

Climate change will continue to undermine development efforts if both the EU and its international partners do not work together to tackle existing patterns that have so far exacerbated our planetary boundaries and further marginalized climate-vulnerable groups.

We would be happy to discuss clear proposals in more detail ahead of your Council meeting.
Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Wendel Trio', written over a horizontal line.

Wendel Trio,
Director of CAN Europe