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The European Commission should abandon its policy of unilateral carbon dioxide emission reduction. It is harmful for the climate protection for the following three reasons.

- (1) Global emission increased by 40% over the last two decades. Unfortunately, a part of this increase is due to the unilateral abatement action taken by European Union countries. So-called 'carbon leakage' can be ridiculed on the grounds that physical relocation of production (e.g. from Europe to China) is fairly rare. However 'carbon leakage' is a much more sophisticated phenomenon which goes beyond the physical relocation.
- (2) In 1995 an unfortunate 'Berlin Mandate' was adopted at COP-1. It states that non-Annex I countries will never take any carbon dioxide commitments. Any effective climate protection requires that the 'Berlin Mandate' is extinguished. Unilateral abatement actions create (incorrect) impression that 'some progress takes place' and postpone the abandonment of the mandate.
- (3) Climate negotiations is a game, and European Commission is a key player. The game theory advises that -- in order to be effective -- players should not create an environment such that rivals are interested in postponing an agreement.

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