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For the attention of:
Ms Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission
Ms Teresa Ribera, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission,
Mr. Dan Jørgensen, Commissioner for Energy and Housing

Joint CSO letter on Protecting the Integrity of the EU Methane Regulation

Dear President, Executive Vice-President and Commissioner.,
We, the undersigned organisations, are writing to express our deep concern regarding recent developments in the legislative process for amending the EU Methane Regulation. What was meant to be a targeted proposal to address specific implementation challenges is evolving into a broader reopening of the Regulation, driven less by objective evidence than by sustained political and industry pressure to defer compliance obligations.

The position now adopted by the European Parliament extends well beyond the scope and rationale of the Commission's original proposal and risks undermining both the integrity and effectiveness of legislation that was only recently adopted following an impact assessment, stakeholder consultation, and extensive interinstitutional negotiations. Delaying even further the implementation of the Regulation is neither compatible with maintaining its level of ambition in terms of overall emissions reduction objective, nor with UNEP's urgent recent call to reduce methane emissions by at least 25% by 2035, to keep the world on track for the lowest possible 1.5°C overshoot scenario. Furthermore, the current push to delay, dilute and reopen substantive elements of the Regulation before they have even entered into force creates significant regulatory uncertainty, weakens investor confidence, and sends an unfortunate signal regarding the durability of EU climate and energy legislation.

With this in mind, should the co-legislators pursue amendments that materially exceed the scope of the Commission's targeted proposal, we urge the Commission to make full use of the prerogatives available to it under the Treaties, and in particular not to accept any amendment that damages the proposal's essential balance, objectives or scope, so that, in accordance with Article 293(1) TFEU, the Council could adopt such amendments only by unanimity.

Should the negotiations culminate in a compromise that departs fundamentally from the Commission's narrowly targeted approach and would distort the proposal to the point of defeating its objectives, the Commission should exercise its right to withdraw the proposal before the Council acts, as confirmed by the Court of Justice in Case C-409/13

We appreciate the Commission's commitment to the Regulation and stand ready to engage constructively on practical solutions that accelerate implementation without compromising its core objectives.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. We remain at your disposal to support this process.

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