



## **EU pushes for 30% gas emission reduction at Climate talks**

**Copenhagen, Denmark (PANA)** - The European Union (EU), working to persuade other parties at the UN Climate Change conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, to raise their bids on emission reduction, said here Monday that its offer of a 30 per cent emission reduction will be used as a lever.

Swedish Minister for Environment, Andreas Carlgren, who is leading the ministers of environment from the EU member states, said it would be on the final moments of the conference that the EU would decide on the 30 percent emission reduction .

He said the EU, which in the past has clarified its positions, is now in a position to make demands and press other parties throughout the process.

Carlgren stressed that EU wanted to go to 30 per cent, but that it would also require other parties to put sufficient bids on the table, singling out the US and China.

He said: "We know the US and China have delivered bids on the table, but still it is also true that if you analyze these bids, it is still not going to deliver emission reductions that would be in line to keeping the earth temperature below 2 degrees Celsius.

"There will still be a further expectation for more. US and China together cover half of the world's emissions, it will be absolutely decisive what they can deliver here," Carlgren said at a press conference.

He said President Barack Obama's attendance at the conference raises expectations and will put tremendous pressure on the US to deliver on emission reductions.

"It would be astonishing if President Obama would attend the conference next week, and deliver what was announced recently, we expect him to deliver something further." he said.

EU is here to cut the deal, to manage, we want agreement that will keep the earth temperature below 2 degrees Celsius," Carlgren added.

The EU has committed unconditionally to cut its emissions to at least 20 percent below 1990 levels by 2020 and has also committed to scale up its emission cut to 30 per cent provided other industrialized countries agree to make comparable reductions and developing countries contribute adequately to the global effort.

The two central pledges that developed and developing countries alike will be expected to make in Copenhagen are their contributions in terms of mitigating their greenhouse gas emissions and of providing financial assistance, particularly to the poorest and most vulnerable developing countries.

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