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EU must stay committed to Paris Agreement after US decision

Brussels, 2 June 2017 – Yesterday US President Donald Trump announced his intention for the United States to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement.

Guy Thiran, Eurometaux Director General, issues the following reaction:

“We strongly regret the US administration’s decision to exit the Paris Agreement. This could impede the world’s collective efforts to address climate change. Europe’s non-ferrous metals industry calls on the EU to act decisively and stay committed to implementing the Paris Agreement.

Our sector is a key enabler of a low-carbon and circular European economy, and we are committed to produce metals more and more efficiently. But our progress must be made as part of a global framework for climate action, which is needed to re-establish a level playing field. The EU should set an early example and work to avoid any spill-over effects from the US decision. At the same time, we encourage US metals producers to keep their climate efforts in place”

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