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As representatives of European civil society organisations on environment, development, human rights and peacebuilding we are writing to urge the European Council to agree ambitious measures to deliver energy and climate security on March 8-9th.

Resolving the challenge of energy and climate security is central to all our missions. Competition for energy resources increasingly underlies global conflicts, and is undermining democracy and human rights around the world. Climate change is already causing damage in Europe and suffering to poor people in the developing world.

None of this is inevitable. We have the technology and wealth to solve these challenges. We believe that a revitalised Europe is the only power capable of taking the lead in driving the transition to a clean and fair global energy economy. This can provide a truly popular focus for re-engaging European citizens in the project started 50 years ago by the Treaty of Rome.

The European Council must show leadership by agreeing a 30% binding cut in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, and specific measures to accelerate deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy. The EU must agree to speak with one voice on energy relations with other countries, and maintain fundamental European values on peace and human rights. Serious future action will also be needed to reduce EU oil demand from transport, and must be supported by a major shift in the European budget to support clean and secure energy infrastructure.

Delivering these goals will not happen overnight, and it will require public pressure to overcome vested interests. Our organisations are exploring the potential for building a broad public coalition for action across Europe to move this agenda forward over the coming years.

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