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## **WWF PRIORITIES FOR THE NEW EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT 2009-2014**

A new European Parliament has been elected in June 2009. It will preside over some of the most momentous challenges facing societies for decades. The world economic crisis coupled with the ever-present ecological and natural resource crises call for political leadership of the highest calibre. These are not ordinary times – they call for urgent political responses.

WWF urges the European Parliament to support the following priorities:

### **1. The climate crisis and new economic opportunities**

- In line with latest science, Europe should move to at least a 40% cut in GHG emissions by 2020 (compared with 1990)
- Member State governments to allocate new and additional financial support for developing countries to adapt to climate change and move to environmentally-friendly economic development.
- Move to a binding 20% energy saving target in the EU by 2020 and prioritize the use of renewable energy sources
- Introduce CO2 emission performance standards for all large power stations

### **2. EU budget reform**

Reform the EU budget for the 2014-2020 period to:

- Review all EU subsidies and remove those that damage our environment, such as fossil fuel supports;
- ensure that ALL EU funding meets the objectives of sustainable development, including investments to boost clean technologies;
- ensure the Common Agriculture Policy funds reward farmers for delivering public services to society, and not for intensive farming practices
- make sure EU development aid supports global environmental priorities.

### **3. Natural resources and the water challenge**

- Include nature and wildlife interests in all relevant EU policies, such as energy, transport, agriculture, fisheries and regional development, with the aim of halting the loss of EU nature and natural resources.
- Press Member State governments to ensure full and timely application of the vital EU laws to safeguard freshwater supplies and achieve sustainable water management: Water Framework Directive, Floods Directive and Water Scarcity and Drought Strategy.

#### **4. A new consumption model: reducing Europe's ecological footprint**

- In the absence of action at EU level, encourage your own governments to reform their fiscal policies to bring about more sustainable consumption and reduce the EU's pressure on the use of the world's natural resources. (*Currently EU citizens each consume on average 2.6 planet's worth of resources*).
- Reduce EU's contribution to international deforestation and climate change by legislation to stop illegal timber and timber products being sold in the EU.

#### **5. Towards healthier seas and a profitable fisheries sector:**

Support a reform of the Common Fisheries Policy by 2012 which allows the return of healthy fish stocks in Europe's waters, including:

- **Promote** new rules to ensure fishing quotas and management plans can reflect science rather than political interests.
- **Reduce the overcapacity of the European fleet** by eliminating harmful subsidies
- **Promote a regionalised approach** to give local fishermen and communities more influence over their fisheries.
- Ensure European fishing fleets follow the same conservation practices anywhere they are fishing throughout the world.

#### **6. Immediate actions for new European Parliament:**

Key European Parliament second readings coming in 2009 or early 2010 are:

- **Energy performance of buildings:** WWF urges Parliament to uphold its first reading recommendations of April 2009.
- **Energy Label Directive:** WWF urges Parliament to uphold its first reading recommendations of April 2009.
- **Industrial Emissions (IPPC) Directive:** WWF calls for inclusion of CO<sub>2</sub> in this Directive, in the form of Emission Performance Standards for all large power stations.
- **Illegal logging:** vote to ensure that only legally sourced timber and timber products can be sold in the EU: WWF urges Parliament to uphold its first reading recommendations of April 2009.

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