

“Climate for Cooperation: The EU, China and Climate Change”

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Speaking Points

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1. It is for me a great pleasure to open this event on “Climate for Cooperation: The EU, China and Climate Change”.
2. First, I would like to thank the co-organizers: CEPS (Centre for European Policy Studies) and BICCS (Brussels Institute of Contemporary China Studies) and to thank to the speakers of this panel: My colleague in the Parliament, Mrs. Lichtenberger, Member of the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China, Mrs. Christian Egenhofer from CEPS, Mr. Duncan Freeman from BICCS, Mr. Stephan Agne from DG Environment, Mrs. Adriana Vázquez Garrido from

DG Relex and Nick Campbell from BusinessEurope, to all the MEPs present in this session and to all the members of the audience.

3. I am a newly elected member of the European Parliament in the ITRE Committee but I have a long interest and experience in the area of climate change. First, as a University professor in this area, after in the Portuguese government and administration and in the last 5 years, as principal adviser of President Barroso.
4. There I had the privilege to participate in the EU-China Summits where climate change was a very important topic in the last 2-3 years.
5. I have chaired the European side of the EU-China Advisory Groups on Energy and Climate Change, where this same issue of cooperation between EU and China in the area of climate change was discussed.
6. And this is exactly the topic of this panel: “Climate for Cooperation”. Mr. Duncan Freeman, co-author of this

report, will start by doing a presentation and we will ask the members of the panel to react to it afterwards.

7. Now I will give the floor to Mrs. Christian Egenhofer who will say a few introductory words.