Observations on current developed country mitigation pledges

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Developed country pledges: Where are parties after Cancun?

1. Adopted: 2°C goal
2. Agreed: consider moving to 1.5°C
3. Recognised: 25-40% range for developed countries
4. Agreed: scaled-up effort necessary to
   • achieve the global goal
   • move developed countries into 25-40% range

Current developed country pledges are far below the IPCC 25-40% range, making them inconsistent with 1.5°C/2°C.
How big is the gap?

Global emissions, GtCO₂e

56 GtCO₂e under business-as-usual
53 GtCO₂e in case of low, unconditional pledges and lenient rules
49 GtCO₂e in case of higher, conditional pledges and strict rules
44 GtCO₂e or far less needed for 1.5°C/2°C

5-9 GtCO₂e remaining gap

Source: Adapted from The Emissions Gap report, UNEP, 2010
Clarifications needed

1. Developed countries must clarify what their true emissions will be, i.e. their assumptions on forests and other land use accounting, the use of carbon offsets and hot air carry-over, in order to close all loopholes.

2. Developed countries with current pledges below the 25-40% range must explain how their low pledges
   • should be compensated for by other developed countries making higher cuts instead,
   • are consistent with their fair share of the globally needed mitigation effort.
Clarifications needed *(continued)*

3. Developed countries whose pledges are
   • below their current Kyoto targets, and/or
   • below BAU under existing domestic legislation and targets (e.g. efficiency targets),
   must explain **how those pledges constitute progress**.

4. Developed countries must explain how their 2020 pledges will allow them to **achieve near-zero emissions** by 2050.
Thank you
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