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The European Council has agreed to increase the EU's carbon reduction target to "*at least 40%*" in 2030 compared to 1990 levels. Alongside this ambitious cut in carbon dioxide the Council has agreed that Member States should be free to choose the most appropriate technologies to reducing emission with the target of "*at least 27%*" renewable energy in the mix by 2030 binding only at an EU level. In another important development, Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) has also been explicitly included as eligible under a new NER400 funding programme.

Luke Warren, Chief Executive of the CCSA comments:

"The CCSA has long called for an ambitious, technology neutral 2030 energy and climate framework that enables support for CCS and we welcome today's announcement. The Conclusions recognise the importance of CCS – alongside renewables and energy efficiency – in delivering a secure future energy mix for Europe.

The inclusion of CCS alongside other low-carbon technologies is no doubt a result of the continued efforts of both the UK government and CCS partners across the Europe in disseminating the critical role of CCS. CCS remains the lowest cost route to meeting decarbonisation targets and we are pleased that this message has found its way into the final Conclusions.

A binding target of at least 40% emissions reductions is absolutely crucial to achieving our energy and climate goals. By securing a renewable target at EU level, the UK government has ensured that individual Member States have the necessary flexibility to meet targets in the way that best suits their own circumstances.

The explicit inclusion of CCS within the new NER400 funding scheme is a vital step in making sure that our power sector and energy intensive industries get the support they need to maintain their competitiveness. For many industries, CCS remains the only large-scale option for reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

Whilst this agreement lays a firm foundation, the Commission and Member States must get on with the important task of delivering an integrated European CCS strategy with a view to meeting the goals of the EU Energy Roadmap 2050. Today is positive news, and Europe has edged closer to regaining its position as the global leader in CCS."