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To: European Council, European Commission
and European Parliament's Rapporteur and Shadow Rapporteurs

Ahead of the upcoming finalization of the revision of EU's Emission Trading System (ETS), the undersigned Koalicja Klimatyczna, an alliance of 22 Polish NGOs working on climate issues, representing citizens from across Poland urges you to ensure that the funding mechanisms dedicated to help lower-income Member States transform their energy systems (article 10c and the Modernization Fund) are robust and well-designed to truly support the development of renewable energy and energy savings instead of subsidizing coal plants.

The experience so far shows that Article 10c has been largely misused. In the current ETS phase, the clear majority of the up to €7,5 billion approved investments for Poland through Article 10c are into the modernization and expansion of fossil fuel capacity, in particular hard coal and lignite.

The EU ETS revision offers a unique opportunity by providing billions of euros through art.10c and Modernization Fund for investments into energy sector in Poland. These could substantially contribute to reducing energy poverty and boosting the clean energy transition in Poland. Allowing to use these two funds for subsidising coal plants will jeopardize the much needed energy transformation and will only increase Poland's dependence on coal power generation as well as will have detrimental impacts on the environment and on public health.

Therefore, we call you to exclude investments in coal power under Article 10c and the Modernisation Fund, particularly through supporting a 450gCO₂/kWh investment eligibility criterion.

We count on your support for the above matter.

Kind regards,

On behalf of the members of Koalicja Klimatyczna

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Koalicja Klimatyczna is an association of 22 non-governmental organizations engaged in climate protection activities. Members of the Coalition come from all over the country and they have different profiles - from research institutions to activists groups working on education. <http://koalicjaklimatyczna.org/>

