



15.10.2015 – Janos Pasztor, the UN Assistant-Secretary-General on Climate Change, says that recent positive developments on national contributions and financing give reasons to be optimistic on the conclusion of a climate deal at the upcoming UN Climate Conference in Paris.

Assistant Secretary-General Pasztor told a press conference in Brussels that, today, 40 days before the start of the conference, the COP21, 151 countries, representing approximately 90% of global CO₂ emissions, had delivered their national contributions to reducing the emissions.

Some countries, mostly in the developing world, are still finalizing their national contributions with the help of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP).

However, Mr. Pasztor admits that the total declared cuts in emissions are not enough to keep global warming under the 2 degrees Celsius objective, although a worst case scenario of a predicted and dramatic 4 to 4.5 degrees, if nothing would be done, will be avoided.

“The fact that each country has declared its intentions in a national plan of emission cuts, is significant, not least because these obligations can be reinforced after the Paris Conference,” he explained.



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