

Climate negotiating positions of top emitters

World CO2 emissions
Billion tonnes, 2008

29.89bn

CANADA: Pledge to cut emissions by 17% below 2005 levels by 2020.

Backs new global deal but insists it has to cover all nations, including those not bound by current targets

Canada
0.54

EU: Pledge to cut emissions by 20% below 1990 levels by 2020 – would adopt 30% reduction if other developed nations follow suit.

Wants “roadmap” to new treaty, with firm guarantees and dates when biggest emitters will join

EU-27
4.18

RUSSIA: Pledge to cut emissions by 15-25% below 1990 levels by 2020.
Refuses to support Kyoto extension unless China and U.S. sign up for binding cuts

Russia
1.71

CHINA: Pledge to reduce carbon intensity* by 40-45% from 2005 levels by 2020.
Wants Kyoto extended

China
7.03

JAPAN:

Pledge to cut emissions by 25% below 1990 levels by 2020 – goal may be reset in wake of Fukushima nuclear disaster.

Wants to ramp up bilateral offset scheme involving clean energy and energy efficiency projects in developing countries

Japan
1.21

UNITED STATES: Pledge to cut emissions by 17% compared to 2005 levels by 2020.
Has not ratified Kyoto Protocol and opposes new deal by 2015 unless all large emitters take equally strict measures

U.S.
5.46

BRAZIL: Intends to cut emissions by between 36.1 and 38.9% below “business as usual” levels

Brazil
0.39

SOUTH AFRICA Aiming for 34% cut below “business as usual” levels

South Africa
0.44

INDIA: Pledge to reduce emissions intensity of GDP by 20-25% from 2005 levels.

Wants Kyoto extended but also wants developed nations to undertake more ambitious cuts

India
1.74