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FOSSIL AWARDS DAY 4

Surprise Ray of the Day for France for leadership on LULUCF loophole In midst of EU summit, Germany shamed on climate finance; Poland singled out for opposing 30% target

COPENHAGEN, Denmark--On the second day of UN climate talks in Copenhagen, NGOs from around the world voted to present Poland the first place "Fossil of the Day Award", a dishonour given to the country or countries doing the most to obstruct progress in the global climate talks.

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Germany was shamed as they collected second place for failing to clarify that climate finance should be additional to existing aid. New Zealand scooped Third place for proposing a "ridiculously low" target in statements yesterday by Prime Minister John Key.

The Fossil of the Day Awards are chosen by a daily vote of the Climate Action Network-International, a global coalition of over 450 non-governmental organisations, and presented daily at 6pm at an award ceremony hosted by Ben Wikler of Avaaz.org. More information, and past winners, can be found at www.fossiloftheday.com.

In a satirical game-show style ceremony, Ben Wikler of Avaaz.org also announced late breaking news of a Ray of the Day award for France:

RAY OF THE DAY: FRANCE

France wins tonight's Ray of the Day—the second in history—for leadership in fighting the EU's shameful position on LULUCF (Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry). On the first night of the COP, Sweden, Finland, and Austria were Fossilized for pushing a loophole in the accounting of emissions for forest management.

Tonight, the Fossil/Ray Supreme Command Council is pleased to announce, France has come forward with concerns about the EU's proposal, and calling at the EU Council meeting to close the loophole. If France prevails, Europe's target will be far more credible; emissions from Europe's forests will be properly accounted—and the negotiations here in Copenhagen will receive a much-needed jolt of positive news. Other EU member states, take notice!

FIRST PLACE: POLAND

Poland scores first place for actively blocking the proposed unconditional upgrade of the EU's carbon emissions reduction target to 30%. The Polish EU affairs minister, Mikolaj Dowgielewicz, who told the EU Observer, "Clearly, in Copenhagen begins a sequence of events that will end, we hope, in Mexico City and there we will have the tools to assess whether we can make the transition from 20 to 30 percent EU objective."

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SECOND PLACE: GERMANY

Germany wins second place for failing to clarify that climate finance should be additional to existing aid. A week ago, several leaders of the ruling coalition—with support from Development Minister Dirk Niebel, who will be here tomorrow—proposed to the Bundestag that no climate finance should be additional to money already pledged for development assistance. It's an insult to imagine pulling away money promised for famine relief, malaria medicine, and primary school in the developing world, and using that to bargain on climate change. Seven long

days have passed, the EU meeting has begun... Germany: break your silence and promise to push for Europe's climate finance to be additional! The world is watching!

THIRD PLACE: NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand for statements yesterday by Prime Minister John Key: "I am not focused on increasing New Zealand's target. What I am focused on is going to Copenhagen and making sure that New Zealand can successfully negotiate the conditions that we think are important in order for us to achieve a target of 10 to 20 percent. If we do not negotiate those conditions, we will not be able to achieve a target of 10 to 20 percent and we would have to have a lower target. ...If New Zealand were to achieve a target of 10 percent less, that would be a significant milestone."

The Climate Action Network (CAN), a coalition of over 450 NGOs worldwide dedicated to limiting climate change to sustainable levels, regularly judges and presents three 'Fossil of The Day' awards to the countries who perform the worst during the past day's negotiations at UN climate change conferences. The Fossil-of-the-Day awards were first presented at the climate talks in 1999, also in Bonn, initiated by the German NGO Forum.