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The Commission has no plans at this stage to raise at the WTO the question of introducing economic measures on Kyoto Protocol non-signatory countries.

The Commission does not expect any major negative competitiveness impacts from EU climate policies. These policies have been carefully designed to minimise cost impacts for industry in particular through the use of Kyoto Protocol flexible mechanisms, including the EU emissions trading scheme.

Furthermore, in our recent Communication on “Winning the Battle against Global Climate Change”, the Commission recommends that the EU focuses on achieving broad international consensus on the need to start discussions on a future multilateral climate change regime post-2012. In this context, the Commission considers it important to reflect, through constructive dialogue, on further incentives for participation in such a regime.