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Dear colleagues,

For most of us, it has been clear that climate change requires a transition out of fossil fuels.

However, the schedule and dividing the burden have been more difficult areas to find consensus on.

Finland has been doing more than required and is currently being pushed to achieve carbon neutrality 15 years ahead of EU.

From our and climate's perspective, freeriding is unacceptable and big polluters must step up their game.

The latest month has shown that if countries are not ready to replace the use of fossil fuels with renewable energy, the climate will not be the sole victim.

Accepting current energy dependency means also accepting dependency on countries exporting fossil fuels, such as Russia.

When seeing footage of bombed hospitals or hearing news of killed children by Russian forces in Ukraine, it should be indisputable: our energy supplies simply cannot continue to rely on a regime responsible for these ongoing war crimes.

Not being self-sufficient in energy is limiting countries' ability to react, and the price is currently being paid by innocent people facing massacre.

Should we continue like this, even more people around the world are set to face persecution by oil-funded regimes.

By phasing out fossil fuel imports, countries are not only investing in the future of our climate, but also in the future of democratic nations.

It would mean depriving the strongest tool of extortion from those, who wish to use it against the democratic world and peace.

Thank you!

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