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Hi,
I will speak later today in the general debate. I will do so as an young MP. My speech below.

Sincerely,
Johan Hultberg, Sweden

"There ain't no such thing as a free lunch".

Everything has a cost. A cost that someone - sooner or later - always must pay for. This also applies to climate emissions.

It is, therefore, a very serious problem that polluters today rarely need to pay for their emissions and the consequences they cause. Today only about one-fifth of the global emissions are covered by carbon pricing.

Should we have any chance of meeting The Paris Agreement then we must use the most efficient, the most powerful tool in the toolbox – namely carbon pricing.

Carbon pricing drive innovation and technological development and create what is always needed for change - incentives.

Dear colleagues, millions and millions of people are already deeply affected by the consequences of climate change, and for future generations the consequences will be absolutely devastating if we do not quickly succeed in reducing emissions and increasing the pace of conversion away from fossil energy.

We as parliamentarians should act to put a price on emissions. And at meetings like this, when we meet from across the world, we should take the great opportunity to discuss how a global prize on carbon can be introduced.

To reach zero emissions, we need to rapidly move away from zero cost on emissions.

(The polluter pays principle needs to be implemented globally. Otherwise, we will miss both the 1.5- and 2-degree target with costs and consequences for the world that is hard to even imagine.)

There ain't no such thing as free emissions. Let the polluter pay.

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