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The European Technology and Innovation Platform Photovoltaics appreciates the ratification of the Paris climate change agreement

- **The Paris agreement on climate change entered into force on last Friday, November 4, 2016**
- **The first time governments have agreed legally binding limits to global temperature rises**
- **Solar photovoltaic electricity will play a fundamental role**

The European Technology and Innovation Platform Photovoltaics (ETIP PV) is happy to see the start of the COP 21 agreement. Under the agreement, governments that have ratified the accord, which includes the US, China, India and the EU, now carry an obligation to hold global warming to no more than 2C above pre-industrial levels.

Countries have put forward commitments on curbing carbon emissions under the agreement, but a report on Thursday found those pledges would see temperature rises significantly overshoot the threshold, with 3C of warming. Environmental groups urged governments to do even more.

ETIP PV Chairman Marko Topič: "The European photovoltaic sector with its strong R & D capabilities and its strong cell & module production technology will play a major role in the coming years. We believe that the COP 22 (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 22nd Conference of the Parties) meeting in Marrakesch will deliver result showing the next steps. ETIP PV as a trusted partner of the European Commission will provide targets and recommendations to support the further development and the realisation of COP 21".

Note to editors:

The European Technology and Innovation Platform Photovoltaics (ETIP PV) is a continuation of the European PV Technology Platform (EU PVTP) and the Solar European Industry Initiative (SEII) in a single platform under the new SET Plan governance. The ETIP PV's mission is in line with the Energy Union and the SET Plan priorities with focus on "Renewable technologies at the heart of the new energy system" and Europe to become "number 1 in renewables". ETIP PV gathers all the relevant stakeholders of the PV sector, with arrangements for cooperative discussions with member states (MS), associated countries (AC), and the Commission services. Its main role is to provide



consensus-based strategic advice on all issues relevant to progressing research and innovation (R&I) efforts.

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