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APPLiA reaction to COP26 Glasgow Climate Agreements

The COP26 Glasgow Climate Summit came to an end with a handful of agreements touching upon different sectors at the global level. In spite of many judging the reached Climate Pact as lacking the necessary ambition to keep climate change under control, “the underpinning purpose of the Paris Agreement seems to have been kept alive,” commented Paolo Falcioni, APPLiA Director General. Yet, when looked at closely, some of the agreed measures might be groundbreaking. This is the case for the completion of the “Paris rulebook”, the set of technical measures favouring the implementation and enforcement of the Paris Agreement and in particular the creation of a global carbon trading market. If correctly implemented by all COP parties, “this would alleviate the potential competitiveness loss generated by tightening border rules based on carbon pricing,” detailed Mr Falcioni.

In compliance with the ‘*Leaving No One Behind*’ principle, as set in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development put forward by the United Nations, APPLiA and several other home appliance associations across the world advocated in a [joint statement](#) to ensure the affordability of essential finished goods, such as home appliances, when carbon pricing rules are tightened. “The creation of a global carbon trading market would make it possible to prevent a mere geographical relocation of CO2 emissions that would ultimately leave the total emissions rate unvaried” continued Falcioni.

The implementation of energy efficiency policies at the global level was another pillar of the abovementioned joint statement, in an effort to decarbonise the global economy by reducing the total energy demand. “The importance of implementing effective energy efficiency policies at global level is crucial for reducing the total costs of the global climate transition and therefore increase the public acceptance of the needed measures”, said Paolo Falcioni. This, in combination with the pivotal role played by international standards in providing sound methodologies to assess climate change targets “have regrettably not received enough attention on the occasion.”

That leaves a gap for which “the home appliance industry will continue to advocate for, towards the achievement of a cost-effective climate transition that is beneficial to both businesses and consumers alike, across the globe,” concluded Mr Falcioni.

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