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There will be consequences to the US administration decision to withdraw from the Paris Accord.. There are many angles to discuss this, but I think the most important impact is the loss of the US leadership in promoting the Accord .It comes at a critical time because I understand that most of the countries have set targets that are less aggressive than what they were expected to do. Moreover, the action plans they have developed in many cases, or at least in some cases, will not even result in them meeting their targets.

I think it is not only the US case we need to discuss, but also the fact that many countries might not even reach their own target. Five years after the Paris Accord, we may need a reset, there will be an opportunity there and maybe we will discuss how we could make best use of this opportunity. We also need to discuss what is happening in the USA. It is not only the withdrawal from the Paris Accord but also the resurrection of coal fired power plants, supposedly clean, and the retirement of many regulations that could greatly impact US emissions. The US is the second largest emitter, therefore this is very significant.

Nobuo TANAKA

André, do you agree with Olivier? He said that the Trump decision to withdraw from COP21 does not impact much on what is actually happening in the US or for the structural changes in favour of climate change mitigation.

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We will see during the discussion, I certainly partly agree because clean coal is very expensive When President Trump was talking to his electorate, people thought it was a coal resurrection. In fact he was talking about clean coal technologies, which are very expensive. If that is the case, commercially, in a country where energy is deregulated, clean coal simply does not compete with combined cycles powered by natural gas.

Nobuo TANAKA

Let us move to Mr Lee from Korea.

Lee HYE-MIN

Thank you, Mr Chair. Since I am the only one who works in the public sector, I would like to focus my presentation on President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement and its impact in relation to the G20 leaders' discussions on climate change in Hamburg this July.