

Brussels, 17 September 2020

Dear Prime Minister Stefan Löfven,  
Dear Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Environment and Climate Isabella Lövin,

We, Members of the European Parliament, are writing to ask the Swedish government to stop the expansion of the Preemraff oil refinery in Lysekil.

As we have been made aware, it is now in the hands and power of your government to stop this huge fossil fuel project, locking our societies into further fossil fuel dependency. The message from scientists and the global environmental movement is unambiguous: Fossil fuels are not the future. If your government would grant Preemraff permission to expand, the refinery's emissions would increase by 1 million tons of carbon dioxide per year, making it Sweden's single biggest source of carbon dioxide emissions.

As you are well aware, climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time. Several parliaments around the world, including the European Parliament, have declared a climate urgency. A global youth movement, spearheaded by Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, is calling for an immediate, radical change to fight the global warming of the planet.

Two years ago, the Swedish Climate Act was passed in the parliament, obliging the government's climate policy to be aligned with the climate targets leading to zero net greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 and to negative net emissions after 2045. In your annual government declaration, on September 8, you stated that "We are the leading nation in the world fighting climate change."

We recognize the international voice and the important work done by the Swedish government to counteract climate change, and we welcome Sweden's ambition to be a model nation in promoting and implementing progressive climate policies. However, at this moment we ask you to make sure that you also take responsibility at home. Only by doing so you can you continue to be a credible actor at the European and the global level.

*We therefore call for the Swedish government to swiftly declare its intentions to stop the expansion of the Preemraff oil refinery.*

Do not make the historic mistake of saying yes to a significant increase of green house emissions in the middle of the global climate crisis. Make the right decision – help us stop the expansion of fossil fuels.

Best regards,

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