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Subject: EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change

The European Commission is due to present a new Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change by the end of 2020, as outlined in the Commission's Green Deal communication of December 2019 and in the Commission's 2020 Work Programme. Adaptation measures are crucial to prepare for a changing climate by building resilient societies, able to minimise its adverse impacts. The upcoming Strategy is an opportunity for the Commission to show the EU leadership on adaptation and ensure Member States are on track to meet the adaptation goal of the Paris Agreement. In this context, we would welcome answers to the following questions:

1. What lessons has the Commission learned from the current EU Adaptation Strategy and how will these be reflected in the planned new Strategy? In particular, as the current Strategy has no legally binding targets and milestones, what goals and targets are envisaged in the new Strategy and how does the Commission plan to strengthen its governance?
2. How does the Commission intend to ensure that the Strategy responds to the latest scientific evidence on possible future impacts of climate change, that it is cross-sectoral and applied within all relevant EU policies, and that it can benefit of adequate funding? How will desertification and land degradation be addressed?
3. How does the Commission intend to ensure that Member States put in place adequate adaptation strategies and monitor their implementation? How will the differences between Member States be taken into account? How will the more vulnerable regions, populations and ecosystems be addressed? How will the adaptation challenges for cities be addressed?

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