

# THE LEADERSHIP OF EUROPE AFTER COPENHAGEN

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The expectations placed on the Copenhagen Summit were not met. Satisfied in relation to the reduction of emissions that from the scientific field is claimed not to increase the average temperature of the planet beyond a limit that would mean a climate change with disastrous and irreversible consequences.

An example: as indicated in the [Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC](#), *"with medium confidence, about 20-30% of species considered to date are likely to be more threatened with extinction if global average warming increases by more than 1, 5-2.5°C (compared to the period 1980-1999) If the average global temperature were to increase by more than 3.5°C, model projections indicate that mass extinctions could occur (between 40% and 70% of species studied) throughout the world"*.



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The new UN Secretary for Climate Change replacing Yvo de Boer, [Christiana Figueres](#), declared recently in an [interview](#)