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Title: A proposal to require the ten largest emitters of Carbon Dioxide-Equivalents to have binding targets starting in the 2020 commitment period.

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Justification Clause: A proposal to require the ten largest emitters of Carbon Dioxide-Equivalents that have previously ratified Kyoto Protocol's 2008-2012 commitment period to have binding targets starting in the 2020 commitment period. The Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is a binding agreement that creates obligations for countries to control and regulate carbon dioxide-equivalent emissions. Though some countries, such as China, that are in the top ten largest emitters of carbon dioxide-equivalents have signed and ratified the Kyoto Protocol, they are considered developing countries. Because of this, they do not have binding targets as to what their carbon emission levels should be.

Section I:

The top ten largest emitters of carbon dioxide-equivalents that have signed/ratified the Kyoto Protocol are as follows: China, the United States, European Union, India, Russia, Indonesia, Brazil, Japan, Congo, and Canada. Of these, China, India, Indonesia, Brazil, Japan, and Congo do not have binding targets. The United States, Japan, Russia, and Canada have stated that they would not commit to another period under the Kyoto Protocol if one was to arise after 2012.

Section II:

In December 2012, at the end of the United Nations Climate Change conference, an agreement was reached to extend the commitment period to 2015, when the development of a successor to be implemented in 2020 would begin. This proposal would cause all countries who continue to be under the jurisdiction of the Kyoto Protocol during the 2020 commitment period that continue to be part of the top ten emitters, to have binding targets as to the level of their emissions.