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Brussels, June 26 (RHC)-- The European Parliament has voted in favor of a landmark climate law that commits the EU to reaching climate neutrality by 2050 and reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels.

Swedish lawmaker Jytte Guteland told reporters: "Today is an historic day. Today we will enshrine into law that EU, which started as a coal and steel union more than 70 years ago, will become the first carbonneutral continent by 2050 at the latest."

But climate activists say the law doesn't go nearly far enough. A statement from a bloc of Green Party lawmakers said: "[It] is simply not enough to limit global temperature rise to 2-degrees-Celsius, let alone the 1.5-degrees-Celsius that climate scientists say we need to achieve. ... What's on the table now are half-measures and broken promises."

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