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Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic

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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter of 10th March 2011 regarding the possible use of certain industrial gas credits in the effort sharing sectors of the Czech Republic and I am glad that we all share the interest in preserving the environmental integrity of EU ETS and international efforts for tackling the climate change.

As to the emission reduction commitments, the Czech Republic prefers addressing its targets by lowering its emissions and not using any offsets. However, we understand the message from the Commission Regulation on restrictions applicable to the use of international credits from projects involving industrial gases and therefore will not use HFC-23 and N₂O credits, as stated in the Regulation, for compliance after 2012. Corresponding provisions are to be implemented in a new Emission Trading Act by the end of 2012.

Also, the Czech Republic does not possess nor intend to purchase these credits.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Tomáš Chalupa', written in a cursive style.

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