

EU to step up efforts for new global climate pact

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Danish foreign minister Per Stig Møller, left, seen with his counterparts, Britain's David Miliband, Sweden's Carl Bildt, France's Bernard Kouchner, and Finland's Alexander Stubb, Thursday Sept. 10 2009, in Copenhagen, Denmark, at meeting leading up to the UN climate summit in Copenhagen in December. European foreign ministers say they are intensifying their diplomatic contacts to try to reach a new global pact on climate change. (AP Photo/Carsten Snebjerg, Polfoto)

(AP) -- European foreign ministers are stepping up efforts to try to reach a new global pact on climate change.

British Foreign Minister David Miliband says "time is now short and the need is urgent."

His Danish counterpart, Per Stig Møller, says the EU "must also do all

it can to engage key players."

Thursday's announcement coincided with trips by the prime ministers of Sweden and Denmark to South Africa and India, two of the world's major polluters. Sweden holds the rotating EU presidency while the U.N. [climate change](#) summit is held in Copenhagen in December.

The complexity of negotiations and disputes between industrialized and developing nations over cuts to emissions threaten brokering a deal.

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