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"It puts Britain at the leading edge of a new global industrial

transformation as well as making good our determination that this will be the greenest government ever," he said.

Prime Minister David Cameron added: "This is the right approach for Britain if we are to combat climate change, secure our [energy supplies](#) for the long-term and seize the economic opportunities that green industries hold."

Britain's third "[carbon budget](#)", which covers the years 2018 to 2022, commits the country to making cuts of 35 percent in emissions compared to 1990 levels.

The European Union has committed to cut [greenhouse gas emissions](#) by 20 percent by 2020 compared to levels in 1990.

Britain, France and Germany have led calls to increase the commitment to 30 percent.

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