

China's UN climate pledges 'expected': state media

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China is expected to unveil its long-awaited national pledges to reduce carbon emissions beyond 2020, a state-run newspaper said Monday, as Chinese Premier Li Keqiang visits Belgium and France ahead of a Paris climate summit.

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Speculation has mounted that the announcement will be made during Li's visit this week to Belgium and France, where December's [climate talks](#) will be held.

Beijing's ambassador to the EU, Yang Yanyi, told the China Daily that a China-EU joint statement on climate change was "under discussion", as Li prepared to attend the 17th China-EU Summit in Brussels.

"It is expected that China will also unveil its long-awaited national contribution to combating [climate change](#)," the newspaper said, without giving details.

All countries are meant to propose their targets for cutting emissions ahead of the UN-led talks which are aimed at forging a pact to limit global warming to two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-industrial revolution levels, to take effect from 2020.

At a summit between Chinese President Xi Jinping and his US counterpart Barack Obama in November Beijing committed for the first time to limiting its greenhouse gas output—setting a target date of about 2030 for its emissions to peak.

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