

Bush will not agree to EU climate goals

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HEILIGENDAMM, Germany - President George W. Bush will not set targets for greenhouse gas emissions at the Group of Eight summit in Germany, an advisor said Wednesday.

Council on Environmental Quality Chairman Jim Connaughton said at a news conference that long-term climate change goals, such as those sought by the European Union, must involve developing nations.

"Until we've got everyone in the room, and until we have consensus among all of them, you won't see a collectively stated goal on that yet, but it's coming," he said.

European countries want to commit to cutting carbon emissions 50 percent by 2050, the Financial Times reported.

Bush's proposal for cutting greenhouse gas emissions would rely on investment in technology and easing trade tariffs on such technology rather than on regulating emissions, the Financial Times said.

Bush and German Chancellor Angela Merkel were scheduled to discuss climate change at a pre-summit lunch Wednesday.

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