

China to Cut Carbon Intensity by Up to 45% by 2020 (Update1)  
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Nov. 26 (Bloomberg) -- China, the world's biggest polluter, aims to cut carbon dioxide emissions per unit of gross domestic product by between 40 percent and 45 percent by 2020 compared with 2005 levels, Xinhua News Agency said.

This step is voluntary and is based on China's "own national conditions," Xinhua reported today, citing the State Council, or Cabinet. It will also be "a major contribution to the global effort in tackling climate change."

The goal marks the first time China has offered a specific target to slow the growth of its emissions of greenhouse gases, and gives the world's fastest-growing major economy new negotiating points heading into the Copenhagen conference starting Dec. 7.

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