

Honorable Claudio Scajola
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Dear Mr. Minister

I am the former Deputy Executive Director of the International Energy Agency and for the past several years since the G8 Summit in Gleneagles, Scotland I have managed the IEA participation in and contributions to G8 Summits in St Petersburg, Heiligendamm and Hokkaido. I have now left the IEA and am directing the energy program of the Institut Francais des Relations Internationales.

I have been joined by 9 distinguished energy public policy makers in preparing these collective views of some of the major energy challenges facing our nations. These officials are no longer formal members of their national administrations and hope the reflections submitted here offer a clear and often more stark appraisal of the challenges. None of these officials subscribe entirely to the assembled materials, but all believe the issues raised are critical to finding a sustainable path for the world to the future and extending that vision and reality to more of humanity.

We believe energy security cannot be achieved if we do not successfully alleviate energy poverty.

We recognize the amount you and your staff have already accomplished in presenting and developing themes and initiatives to the May 24-25 G8 Energy Ministers meeting in Rome. Our intent here is to reinforce many of those messages.



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