



Recommendations to the Leaders of the EU and Japan

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Measures and policies of both authorities against climate change

- Towards achieving an ambitious target for a decarbonized society, continue to act proactively as global leaders to mitigate climate change
 - Use mitigation as enabler for realizing economic growth and the expansion of employment opportunities
 - Find technologically and economically viable options and take a flexible approach with a reasonable and realistic transition period
 - prioritize material recovery, formulate cross-country policies, encourage sustainable consumption patterns changes, promote carbon-neutral & sustainable energies, accelerate energy data management and facilitate cooperation for sustainable finance etc.
 - introduce WTO compatible subsidies or incentive schemes



Promotion of resource efficiency and the circular economy

- Avoid the pursuit of resource efficiency through exceedingly regulatory approaches but rather use promotion through voluntary efforts by stakeholders with associated incentives.
- Japan and the EU should work together to formulate consistent national and international rules and treaties to this effect
 - Pursue resource efficiency from the viewpoint of international circulation system
 - Promote alignment and simplification of related standards and regulations of products made of renewable resources
- Specifically target SMEs as they account for a large number of entities and jobs and thus contribute significantly to the issues at hand



Promoting optimization of city management

- optimization of city management through trusted City as a Service, and data-driven solutions by
 - utilize innovative digital technologies for realizing a sustainable society
 - Promote utilization of AI
 - highest priority on compliance with relevant law
 - on respect for human rights.
 - Accelerate safe, secure, and sustainable urban development
 - Promote optimization of city management at various scales (building, neighborhood, infrastructure, etc.)
 - Continuously promote the functional improvement of local cities/rural areas and the distribution of functions