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This year millions of people like me are raising our voices to call for action on climate change. Why? Because we're worried by what the science is telling us, by the impacts we're already seeing and the fact that we're running out of time.

We're frustrated with our politicians for not acting as fast as we want to. We're frustrated by political debates which are driven by blame rather than vision or ambition. We want Copenhagen to be a success. But it will only be a success if politicians are bold and courageous.

What we need is for political leaders - from every corner of the world - to be bold and courageous. To unite, rather than divide. To show vision and ambition. To take responsibility.

The days ahead will be difficult with painful choices to be made. But we have entered an era of consequences – inaction, complacency, indecision will all have consequences. For us to address this challenge we will have to think differently. Not as nationalists but as a species. We will have to find a new political language to express solidarity as human beings in defence of our planet.

Political leaders must help us do that. 'At Copenhagen, they will be in the hot seat. They should know that if they are bold and decisive and show leadership, they can count on the rest of us - millions of us - to help them achieve the rest. That is the promise that millions of us united in campaigns such as *tcktctck* are ready to make..

My message to you as a mother and a campaigner is this: we will not let our children down. We will fight for a future for all of our children - and for a natural world that they should inherit intact. Copenhagen must mark a new dawn.

What else would your children expect?

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