



Leaders warn of grave climate consequences on first day of talks

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The world must choose hope over surrender in the fight against climate change, U.N. secretary-general Antonio Guterres said on Monday, warning a summit in Madrid that governments risked sleepwalking past a point of no return.

1. Choose hope over surrender _____

2. That's the call from U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres _____

3-1. Two weeks of talks aimed _____

3-2. began against a backdrop _____

3-3. from fires in the Arctic, Amazon and Australia _____

4. Guterres, a leading climate advocate, _____

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL, ANTONIO GUTERRES, SAYING:

"And so my strong appeal to political leaders here today, is please do lead, and do not follow because societies are moving, business communities are moving, local authorities are moving, the youth is moving. It is for political leaders to be able to take profit of these movements and to lead, for us to be able to defeat climate change."

5-1. It was a message echoed _____

5-2. who pledged _____

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKER, NANCY PELOSI, SAYING:

"For future generations. This is a mission, this is a passion, this is a scientifically based approach, to all of you. And we are here to say to all of you, on behalf of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, we are still in it."

6-1. Scientists say the existing pledges _____

6-2. fall far short of the kind of action needed _____

7. Delegates are hoping to use the summit -- which wraps up on December 13 _____

[Vocabulary]

choose over: to choose 'between' just **means** make a choice between equal possibilities.

To **choose 'over'** **means** to like/prize this one much better than all the others.

- I would choose goose over turkey at Christmas every time.

- *A hybrid is the kind of car you would choose over any other kind.*

surrender: the act of saying officially that you have been defeated and will stop fighting

- *the surrender of the rebel gunmen*

- *a declaration of unconditional surrender*

climate change: significant and long-lasting change in the Earth's climate and weather patterns

- *The half-tonne turtles were thought to have died out 30,000 to 40,000 years ago because of climate change.*

- *How will the climate change in response to rising levels of greenhouse gases?*

call: a formal or public request that something should happen

- *The government has rejected calls for tougher immigration laws.*

- *There were renewed calls for a return to the peace talks.*

U.N. Secretary General: the head of the United Nations Secretariat, one of the six principal organs of the United Nations. The secretary-general serves as the chief administrative officer of the United Nations.

Antonio Guterres: Incumbent U.N. Secretary General; since 1 January 2017

COP: = Conference of Parties of United Nations Conventions

COP25: UN climate change conference. **COP25** is the final COP before we enter the **defining** year of 2020, when many nations must submit new climate action plans. Among the many elements that need to be ironed out is the financing of climate action worldwide. The conference is designed to take the next crucial steps in the UN climate change process. Following agreement on the implementation guidelines of the Paris Agreement at COP 24 in Poland last year, a key objective is to complete several matters with respect to the full operationalization of the Paris Climate Change Agreement.

bolster: to make something stronger or more effective

- *news that bolstered his spirits*

- *The campaign is designed to bolster the government's image as being tough on crime.*

2015 Paris Agreement: an agreement within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), dealing with greenhouse-gas-emissions mitigation,

adaptation, and finance, signed in 2016. The agreement's language was negotiated by representatives of 196 state parties at the 21st Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC in Le Bourget, near Paris, France, and adopted by consensus on 12 December 2015. As of November 2019, 195 UNFCCC members have signed the agreement, and 187 have become party to it.

□ **curb**: to control or limit something that is harmful

- *Increased interest rates should curb inflation.*
- *He called for energy consumption to be curbed.*

□ **global warming**: an increase in the average temperature of the earth's atmosphere; the slow increase in the temperature of the Earth caused partly by the greenhouse effect increasing the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere

- Winters in Britain are predicted to become wetter, not drier, with global warming.

□ **backdrop**: the situation or place in which something happens

- *Her new novel has 19th-century China as its backdrop.*
- *Negotiations were carried out against a backdrop of continued fighting.*

□ **Arctic**: the regions north of the Arctic Circle centered on the North Pole

□ **advocate**: someone who strongly and publicly supports someone or something

- an advocate for women's sports
- *a tireless advocate of political reform*

□ **lead the way**: to guide or direct someone somewhere by proceeding ahead of them

- *I don't know where I'm going, so you should lead the way.*
- *That hospital always leads the way in cancer research.*

□ **business community**: the people involved in the upper levels of businesses; the body of individuals who manage businesses

- *So what are the views of Lebanon's business community, both in the country itself and abroad?*

□ **move**: to progress or develop in a particular way

- *Management is moving in a new direction.*

□ **local authority**: An administrative body in local government

- *You will need planning permission from your local authority.*

□ **echo**: to repeat, imitate

- *children echoing their teacher's words*
- *I echo your concerns completely.*

□ **the speaker**: the person who is in charge of political debates in some legislatures

- *the Speaker of the House of Representatives*

□ **Nancy Pelosi**: Born: March 26, 1940 (age 79). an American Democratic Party politician serving as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives since January 2019. She served as Speaker of the House from 2007 until 2011, and was the first woman in U.S.

history to hold the position. First elected to Congress in 1987, Pelosi is the highest-ranking female elected official in United States history.

□ **commitment:** *enthusiasm for something and a determination to work hard at it*

• *I am delighted with the level of commitment you have all shown.*

• *Starting a business requires hard work and commitment.*

□ **cause:** an organization, plan, or activity that you are willing to support because it provides help or benefit to people who need it

• *Please give as much as you can: it's for a very worthy cause.*

• *I know a woman who worked all her life fighting for a good cause.*

□ **mission:** a goal that is very important to a person or organization

• *Our mission is to change our community to a better place to live.*

• *It is the international community's mission to end terrorism.*

□ **approach:** a particular way of thinking about or dealing with something

• *We need a fresh approach to sports in education.*

• *The toy company adopted the new approach being pushed by Dr. Smith.*

□ **on behalf of:** as a representative of

• *I want to say thank you on behalf of my husband.*

• *I wrote the letter on behalf of my client.*

□ **Congress of the United States:** The bicameral legislature of the federal government of the United States, and consists of two chambers: the House of Representatives and the Senate.

□ **pledge:** a serious and public promise to do something

• *My father made a pledge not to smoke.*

• *Sunday's vote was a test of the new president's pledge of fair elections.*

□ **Paris accord:** Paris Agreement, the 2015 agreement related to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, sometimes called the Paris Accords

□ **fall short of:** to not meet or reach something, usually a goal, standard, or requirement

• *Your scores fell short of our needs.*

• *His effort fell a long way short of his parents' expectations.*

□ **avert:** to prevent something bad or harmful from happening

• *Violence may have been averted with a greater police presence.*

• *The diplomatic talks narrowly averted a war.*

□ **delegate:** someone who is chosen to represent a group of other people at a meeting

• *U.N. delegates from African nations*

• *The Arab delegates to the Middle East peace talks announced their decision.*

□ **wrap up:** to finish a task completely

• *We ought to wrap up this meeting and get back to work.*

- *"Let's wrap up this job and go home." "OK."*
- *Let's wrap it up.*
- **inject**: to add something new to a situation
 - *Young designers are injecting new life into the fashion industry.*
 - *She tried to inject confidence into her voice.*
- **momentum**: progress or development that is becoming faster or stronger
 - *the momentum towards economic and political union in Europe*
 - *Interest in human rights issues has gained momentum.*

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