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## The UN Paris Agreement on Climate Still Alive

Climate realists, hold the champagne! While the Trump administration notified the United Nations that the U.S. government eventually intends to withdraw from the controversial global body's "climate change" regime known as the UN "Paris Agreement," there is much more to the story.

Indeed, serious concerns remain among climate realists and opponents of the UN's pseudo-treaty, including the fact that the Trump administration indicated in its official correspondence a desire to *rejoin* the climate pact.



Also troubling to the president's supporters has been the decision not to withdraw from the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Leaving the UNFCCC climate regime would dramatically speed up the process of withdrawing from the unconstitutional Paris scheme negotiated by Obama. Already, federal law prohibits sending it any money. But by withdrawing, Trump could immediately fulfill his campaign pledges to "cancel" Paris.

On top of all that, the Trump administration acts as if the Paris deal, which was never ratified by the U.S. Senate as required for treaties under the U.S. Constitution, is somehow binding. Under the Paris accord, governments and dictators that signed up are supposedly not allowed to give notice of withdrawal for three years. The U.S. government accepts that it cannot exit until after the 2020 election.

In a letter sent to the UN chief by U.S. Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley, the lack of seriousness was clear. "Unless the United States identifies suitable terms for reengagement, the United States will submit to the Secretary-General, in accordance with Article 28, paragraph 1 of the Agreement, formal written notification of its withdrawal as soon as it is eligible to do so," she said.

Much of the media missed the subtleties, but the UN and its leadership did not. "The Secretary General welcomes any effort to reengage in the Paris Agreement by the United States," explained UN Secretary-General António Guterres' spokesman Stéphane Dujarric.

In a statement put out on August 4 by the U.S. State Department, it became even more clear that the Trump administration was open to remaining under the Paris Agreement "if the United States can identify terms that are more favorable to it, its businesses, its workers, its people, and its taxpayers."

"The United States supports a balanced approach to climate policy that lowers emissions while promoting economic growth and ensuring energy security," the note said, a sharp contrast to Trump's campaign rhetoric blasting the climate "hoax" and vowing to "cancel" the UN scheme. In its statement, the State Department continued playing along with the erroneous notion that CO2 emissions are somehow "dirty" or "polluting." In reality, CO2 is known to all legitimate scientists as the "gas of life." Human emissions of CO2, meanwhile, make up a fraction of one percent of all the greenhouse gases in



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the atmosphere. The Trump EPA has still not reversed the Obama EPA's ludicrous finding that CO2 is "pollution."

Adding insult to injury, the State Department said it would continue participating in the UN's global "international climate change negotiations and meetings, including the 23rd Conference of the Parties (COP-23) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, to protect U.S. interests and ensure all future policy options remain open to the administration.... Such participation will include ongoing negotiations related to guidance for implementing the Paris Agreement."

Establishment globalists involved in the climate movement celebrated the developments. The Obama State Department's "lead climate lawyer," Susan Biniaz, was practically gloating in a post at Columbia Law School's "Sabin Center for Climate Change Law." Among other facts, Biniaz, a "Senior Fellow" at the globalist UN Foundation, pointed out that the actions taken so far do not even constitute an official notice of withdrawal. Instead, the letter is a legally meaningless and totally unnecessary "notice of intent to withdraw."

Of course, Biniaz neglects to mention that even if the UN scheme, described by Obama as an "executive agreement," had been ratified by the Senate, the U.S. government cannot grant itself new powers beyond those delegated in the Constitution simply by adopting a treaty. In case common sense was not enough to realize that, the Founders made it clear, as did the Supreme Court as recently as 1957 in *Reid v. Covert*.

It is true that the EPA has started the process of reining in some of the Obama administration's most lawless "regulations" on CO2 — a crucial element of U.S. involvement in the UN scheme. But the U.S. government remains deeply involved in the UN's climate fraud, even though the Trump administration could quash American involvement tomorrow if it wanted to.

If the president is going to fulfill his promises, he has a lot of work to do still.

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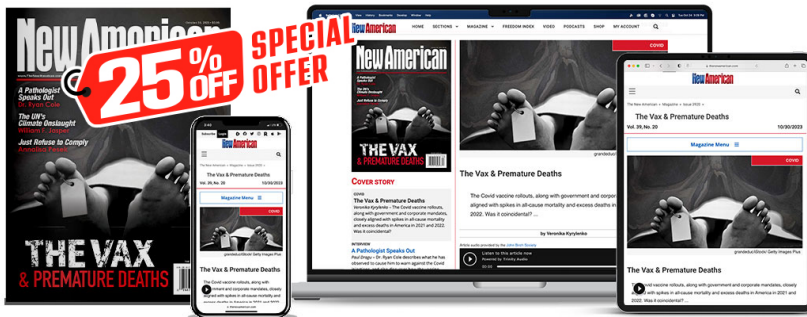
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