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TOGETHER NOW FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR  
PLANET

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# COP26

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**Conference of the Parties, known as COP, gathers 197 states that have signed the United Nations The Framework Convention on Climate Change. The Summit has been held annually since 1995. The first of them was held in Berlin under the chairmanship of the young conservative politician Angela Merkel. At the third conference in Kyoto in 1997, after intense negotiations, the famous Kyoto Protocol was born. It has set mandatory greenhouse gas emission targets for 37 industrialized countries, but the US and China have not ratified the document.**

**The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 Parties at COP 21 in Paris, on 12 December 2015 and entered into force on 4 November 2016.**

**It was the most ambitious agreement to combat climate change.**



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GLASGOW

# COP26

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

**On November 13, the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Glasgow (COP 26) ended, which was attended by almost 200 states. It lasted two weeks, and it took an additional day to agree on the final document - the Glasgow Climate Pact**

NORTHERN  
IRELAND

ENGLAND

# *What was agreed on?*

## *Emissions*

*To try to keep temperature rises within 1.5C - which scientists say is required to prevent a "climate catastrophe". Current pledges, if met, will only limit global warming to about 2.4C.*

## *Coal*

*Some countries have signed an agreement on the transition from the use of coal-fired power plants to clean energy. The main initiator of the agreement was the host of the summit, Great Britain. About 50 countries, as well as companies and organizations have joined the agreement. However, among the signatories there are no such large coal consumers as Russia, China, the United States. Only two states joined the agreement - Hawaii and Oregon, as well as some American companies).*

## *Stopping deforestation by 2030*

*More than a hundred world leaders have agreed to put an end to deforestation in eight years. The agreement provides for the allocation of \$20 billion from the state and private companies for this purpose. Part of the funds will be used to fight forest fires and restore already affected forest area*

# Any help?

## ***Reducing methane emissions***

***Methane is one of the most harmful greenhouse gases that destroy the ozone layer. More than a hundred countries, including the EU and the USA, are ready to reduce global methane emissions by 30% by 2030. Russia and China, one of the largest emitters of methane, have not joined this agreement.***

## ***Unexpected cooperation between the US and China***

***The US and China undertake to fight together in the next nine years to ensure that the average temperature on the planet does not increase by more than 1.5 degrees Celsius. According to the head of the Chinese delegation Xie Zhenhua, the agreement was preceded by 30 virtual meetings with the Americans for ten months. In particular, the two powers agreed on joint steps to reduce methane emissions, despite the fact that China has not joined the global agreement in this area.***

# *What can we do to help our planet?*

*It is easy to talk about the problems of global warming, that are currently bothering the whole world, but, at the same time, do nothing about it.*

*What can we, or even better, what can you actually do to help?*

**1. Use your voice! Because you have it.**

*Everyone can just sit at home and watch the world leaders try to help us and our planet while criticizing them, saying things like „I could do better”.*

*But the fact is, that while your actions may be relieving for you, they are definitely not beneficial for the society. Instead of saying phrases like this, you could go out to sign a petition something. Go protest. Harass some greedy politicians. So many things to do.*

**2. Be informed! It's not that hard**

*If you're really keen to help, ready to save the future. Start by reading some articles (from reliable sources of course) and learn about this planet man. Find out what the situation is in this world of ours. Try understanding the time and place you find yourself to be in.*

**3. Be political! Be interesting.**

*If you've finally reached the age required for the ability vote in your country, then go vote. Now. (If it's possible of course) Find out which political parties or politicians you like or which fit your requirements the right way and meet your expectations. Some political parties even have programs that address the true protection of our planet and the issues such as the global warming. Could you believe it?*

# *Final thoughts?*

## *4. Travel responsibly? That is something.*

*Believe it, but you can actually lower your environmental impact by traveling responsibly. I know right, what?*

*Let's say you go somewhere in short distance, try using bicycle or just take a walk, instead of using your car or the public transportation. You will not only help the environment but your body too.*

*Same goes for long distance traveling. Instead of choosing an airplane (if it's possible) try traveling by train! I heard that airplanes destroy our environment a lot. Sad.*

## *5. Sustainability.*

*Yes, it is here, the main topic folks.*

*Let's start with food: Don't buy unnecessary amounts of food. You're wasting your money and food!*

*Let's try to reduce beef consumption, because it contributes to about a quarter of global greenhouse gas emissions. (Cow farts)*

*On we go with plastic: Don't use plastic bags, ever. Don't use plastic straws, ever. Don't use plastic unless you really need to, ever. Easy.*

*And finally, clothing: Don't buy clothes made by fast fashion brands, try to look for brands that are more environmentally friendly or shop in second hands! It also saves money.*

## *6. Recycle and reduce your waste! That should be clear.*

*Recycling is very important. Recycle and reuse as much as you can. That's it*



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