

10 Minutes for the Planet**# Make Our Planet Great Again** ©

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Hello everyone and welcome to this week's episode of 10 Minutes for the Planet. On June 1st, US President, Donald Trump, **confirmed** the withdrawal of the United States from the Paris climate **agreement**.

He stated: "In order to **fulfill** their solemn **duty** to the United States and its citizens, the US will **withdraw** from the Paris climate accord, but begin **negotiations** to re-enter either the Paris accords or a **really** entirely new **transaction**, on terms that are **fair** to the United States". Trump's **argument** being that the Paris agreement put the United States at a **disadvantage** to the **benefit** of other countries.

Much **confusion** has come of his argument, as the Paris agreement is **non-binding**. The agreement sets a **common** goal of **limiting** global warming to a 2 degrees increase, however, each country is allowed to choose its own **reduction** goals and no **penalty** is applied if they are not **abided by**.

The agreement was of great **importance**, not for its **ambition**, but because it **literally made history**: it was the first time that 196 countries signed an agreement on the **necessity** of climate action, putting in place a **global framework** to **support** the action. Withdrawing is an **ideological** move, that was one of Trump's campaign promises and **satisfied** his anti-UN supporters.

In his speech Trump added: "I was **elected** to **represent** the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris." To which the Pittsburgh Mayor promptly **responded** that he did not **approve** of the President's move – he is one of 70% of all Americans who **support** the Paris agreement.

At the **international** level, German, French and Italian leaders **immediately** reaffirmed their positions on the agreement, stating: "We **deem** the momentum generated in Paris in December 2015 **irreversible**, and we firmly believe that the

to fulfill (vb.) s'acquitter de**duty** (n.) devoir**really** (adv.) vraiment**fair** (adj.) juste**non-binding** (adj.) sans engagement**to abide by** (phrasal vb.) respecter**to make history** (idiom) rentrer dans l'histoire**framework** (n.) système, cadre**to elect** (vb.) élire**to deem** (vb.) considérer, estimer

Paris agreement cannot be **renegotiated**, since it is a **vital instrument** for our planet, societies and **economies**.” All around the world, from Australia to Canada, came out a **range** of **disappointed reactions**, from polite to furious. Even the Vatican **tweeted** about the “slap in the face” that President Trump’s actions represented.

Emmanuel Macron went further than simply **expressing** his disappointment. He **issued** a short **video**, in both French and English, telling American **scientists** and citizens, unhappy by the **decision**, that they would find a **second** homeland in France, inviting them to work with France to find climate **solutions**, with a **hint** of **insolence**: to “make the planet great again”. This play on Trump’s **campaign** slogan “make America great again” was tweeted minutes later as a graphic that went **completely viral**, with hundreds of thousands of likes and retweets – the #MakeOurPlanetGreatAgain hashtag is now “**a thing**”. Only days later, on June 8th, Macron released a new **website**: www.makeourplanetgreatagain.fr to “help you come work with us on our **common** challenges [...] Our new **challenge**? Climate change.”

The website is **addressed** to **researchers**, businesses, **NGOs** or students and **compiles** all of the needed **information** to come to France to fight climate change. As of today, the **approved** budget towards climate change **research** in France is more than 20 times smaller than in the US. The government isn’t announcing new research **positions** or extra funding but says they are **looking into** co-fundings. Let’s keep an eye on what will follow Macron’s **initiative**!

See you next for a new episode of 10 Minutes for the Planet.

range (n.) variété, éventail

disappointed (adj.) déçu

to issue (vb.) publier

hint (n.) soupçon, pointe

it’s a thing (idiom) c’est tendance

researchers (n.) chercheur, chercheuse

NGO (non-governmental organization) (n.) ONG

to look into (phrasal vb.) s’intéresser à, étudier la question de

*Aide à la prononciation

Dans les adjectifs et noms à deux syllabes, l’accent est généralement sur la première syllabe :

Present, **export**, **China**, **table**, **slender**, **clever**, **happy**, **research**, **increase**

Attention: beaucoup de mots à deux syllabes en Anglais peuvent voir leur signification changer lorsque l’accent change de syllabe. Un adjectif peut ainsi devenir un verbe:

Present (présenter), **export** (exporter), **object** (émettre une objection), **increase** (augmenter)