

On 28-11-2012 3:24, tom.harris@climatescienceinternational.net wrote:

Dear friends,

I apologize for sending this to you all as an open e-mail, instead of BCC, but I am finding that some people have an auto-delete set up for BCCs so as to reduce the volume of e-mails they receive.

Time is short if we are to mount a significant counterpoint to the scientifically invalid assertions already being broadcast by the 1,500 journalists and 7,000 environmentalists attending the UN climate conference now underway in Qatar.

Please find below our "**Open Letter to the Secretary-General of the United Nations**" to which we are inviting your endorsement. We have 61 qualified endorsers as of 9 pm EST, about 19 hours after we started to ask people.

Because we have an agreement with a major media outlet to publish the open letter on Thursday, I will need to know of your support within the next day if possible, please. Endorsers may be added later for Web versions of the letter but only those who have notified me of their support in the next day are guaranteed to be included in the list of endorsers published by the major newspaper that has committed to publishing our open letter and the endorsers.

The open letter and the list of endorsers will also be submitted to the Secretary General with a brief cover letter from myself by e-mail and by courier. Your endorsement of the open letter would be clearly indicated as only applying to the "**Open Letter to the Secretary-General of the United Nations**" below, not to the cover letter or any supporting material we may provide.

Here is the text of the open letter (underlined phrases are active Web links) that we request that you allow us to list you as endorsing (for those of you who signed any past open letters organized by ICSC, I already have your complete credentials and affiliations. For others, I request that you let me know how you would like to be identified in the endorser list - a typical listing is name, degrees (specialization and institution), climate-related experience, current location):

Open Letter to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

H.E. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General, United Nations
First Avenue and East 44th Street, New York, New York, U.S.A.

November 29, 2012

Mr Secretary-General:

On [November 9 this year you told the General Assembly](#): "Extreme weather due to climate change is the new normal ... Our challenge remains, clear and urgent: to

reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to strengthen adaptation to ... even larger climate shocks ... and to reach a legally binding climate agreement by 2015 ... This should be one of the main lessons of Hurricane Sandy.”

On November 13 you said at [Yale](#): “The science is clear; we should waste no more time on that debate.”

The following day, in [Al Gore’s “Dirty Weather” Webcast](#), you spoke of “more severe storms, harsher droughts, greater floods”, concluding: “Two weeks ago, Hurricane Sandy struck the eastern seaboard of the United States. A nation saw the reality of climate change. The recovery will cost tens of billions of dollars. The cost of inaction will be even higher. We must reduce our dependence on carbon emissions.”

We the undersigned, qualified in climate-related matters, wish to state that current scientific knowledge does not substantiate your assertions.

The U.K. Met Office recently released data showing that there has been no statistically significant global warming for almost 16 years. During this period, [according to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA), carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentrations rose by nearly 9% to now constitute 0.039% of the atmosphere. Global warming that has not occurred cannot have caused the extreme weather of the past few years. Whether, when and how warming will resume is unknown. The science is unclear. Some scientists point out that near-term natural cooling, linked to variations in solar output, is also a distinct possibility.

The “even larger climate shocks” you have mentioned would be worse if the world cooled than if it warmed. Climate changes naturally all the time, sometimes dramatically. The hypothesis that our emissions of CO₂ have caused, or will cause, dangerous warming is not supported by the evidence.

The incidence and severity of extreme weather has not increased. There is little evidence that dangerous weather-related events will occur more often in future. The U.N.’s own Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says in its [Special Report on Extreme Weather \(2012\)](#) that there is “an absence of an attributable climate change signal” in trends in extreme weather losses to date. The funds currently dedicated to trying to stop extreme weather should therefore be diverted to strengthening our infrastructure so as to be able to withstand these inevitable, natural events, and to helping communities rebuild after natural catastrophes such as tropical storm Sandy.

There is no sound reason for the costly, restrictive public policy decisions proposed at the U.N. climate conference in Qatar. Rigorous analysis of unbiased observational data does not support the projections of future global warming predicted by computer models now proven to exaggerate warming and its effects.

The NOAA "[State of the Climate in 2008](#)" report asserted that 15 years or more without any statistically-significant warming would indicate a discrepancy between observation and prediction. Sixteen years without warming have therefore now proven that the models are wrong by their creators' own criterion.

Based upon these considerations, we ask that you desist from exploiting the misery of the families of those who lost their lives or properties in tropical storm Sandy by making unsupportable claims that human influences caused that storm. They did not. We also ask that you acknowledge that policy actions by the U.N., or by the signatory nations to the UNFCCC, that aim to reduce CO₂ emissions are unlikely to exercise any significant influence on future climate. Climate policies therefore need to focus on preparation for, and adaptation to, all dangerous climatic events however caused.

Signed by:

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Please feel free to forward this e-mail to others who you think may also sign the open letter with the request that they keep it as confidential as possible until published by media (I'll let you all know as soon as that happens).

I hope to hear from you very soon!

Sincerely,

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