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COP 26

COP26 COAL PLEDGE FALLS SHORT ON SUPPORT AS EMISSIONS SURGE

A PLEDGE TO PHASE OUT COAL GAINED THE SUPPORT OF 23 MORE COUNTRIES AT THE U.N. CLIMATE CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY, BUT WAS SHUNNED BY BIG USERS OF THE DIRTIEST OF THE FUELS THAT CAUSE GLOBAL WARMING.

4 November | Reuters | The COP26 summit hopes to find ways to keep within reach a target of limiting the global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 Fahrenheit), but the scale of the challenge was underlined by a study showing carbon dioxide emissions have returned to near pre-pandemic levels.

Greenhouse gas emissions from burning coal are the single biggest contributor to climate change, and weaning the world off coal is considered vital to achieving global climate targets. The pledge to drop coal did not include Australia, India, the United States and China, which has around half the coal-fired plants operating around the world and plans to build more.

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SHEM urgently calls on governments, economic actors and all of us, citizens, to drastically change our ways of production, consumption and relations, so as to reduce the collective emissions by half in this decade and towards net-zero emissions by 2050, the only way to prevent catastrophic heating,

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G20 leaders have a new opportunity to show their statements are not empty, taking concrete steps to fund and implement actions towards healthy and sustainable recovery.

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