

Climate pledges, while improving, keep world on a disastrous path

(The Washington Post) — The good news: Long-term pledges that nations have made to cut greenhouse gas pollution have the collective potential to avoid some of the most catastrophic impacts of climate change.

The bad news? According to a new study published Wednesday in the journal Nature, humanity can hit a key target of the 2015 Paris climate agreement only if countries fully live up to those promises. And most are nowhere near on track to turn their ambitions into reality.

This is the first peer-reviewed analysis to show that the world has a better-than-even chance of limiting temperature rise to 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above preindustrial levels if nations follow through on their current commitments — a significant sign of progress from only a few years ago.

"But now the real work has to start," said co-author Christophe McGlade, head of the Energy Supply Unit at the International

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Energy Agency in Paris, noting that countries must quickly embrace the massive investments and key policy changes that can start bringing down emissions.

"Policymakers are at a crossroads," McGlade said. "We can choose to lock in emissions and deepen the energy crisis, or we can use this moment to take an earnest step toward a cleaner, safer future."

Researchers analyzed the many climate plans that nations submitted leading up to last fall's international climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, known as COP26.

US urges UN to cut NKorea oil imports, blacklist hackers

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) — The United States is pushing the U.N. Security Council to further sanction North Korea over its renewed ballistic missile launches by banning tobacco and halving oil exports to the country and blacklisting the Lazarus hacking group, according to a draft resolution reviewed by Reuters on Wednesday.

The United States circulated the draft to the 15 council members this week. It was not immediately clear if or when it could be put to a vote. A resolution needs nine "yes" votes and no vetoes by Russia, China, France, Britain or the United States.

Russia and China have already signaled opposition to strengthening sanctions in response to Pyongyang's launch last month of an intercontinental ballistic missile — its first since 2017.

U.S. special envoy on North Korea, Sung Kim, told reporters last week that the United States had discussed the draft U.N. text with China and Russia, but "unfortunately, I cannot

report that we have had productive discussions with them thus far."

U.S. and South Korean officials and analysts have also said there are increasing signs that North Korea could also soon test a nuclear weapon for the first time since 2017.

The U.S.-drafted U.N. resolution would extend a ban on ballistic missile launches to include cruise missiles or "any other delivery system capable of delivering nuclear weapons."

It would halve crude oil exports to North Korea to 2 million barrels annually and halve refined petroleum exports to 250,000 barrels. It also seeks to ban North Korean exports of "mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation."

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is known as a chain smoker — frequently seen with a cigarette in hand in photographs in state media — and the draft resolution would ban exports to North Korea of tobacco and manufactured tobacco.

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