

The United States is not Qualified to be an Environmental Protection "Teacher"

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During previous rounds of climate negotiations, American lobby groups, resource oligarchs, and followers of the West tried to turn negotiation into an arena where they could use environmental issues to monopolize global resources, and impose harsh conditions on China and other developing countries. While developed countries continue to destroy the global environment, the latter must swallow the bitter pill of restrictions.

The development rights of developing countries including China should be respected and supported. An upright environmental protection policy should solve the pollution problem without harming (global) development interests. These environmental protection issues should not be manipulated by the United States and other Western countries as an excuse to prevent people in developing countries from obtaining a standard of living comparable to those in developed countries.

The U.S. government recklessly pursues short-term monetary gains and irresponsibly damages the environment, along with the common long-term development interests of humankind.... In the opinion of some U.S. government officials, international treaties, agreements, and international cooperation should be evaluated based on whether it is beneficial to the United States and whether it meets the needs of "America First." The United States has withdrawn from the Paris Agreement on climate change, blocked the passage of the amendment on strengthening the control of plastic waste during the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, and defaulted on the "United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change" dues, to name a few examples.

The U.S. released their so-called "Fact List of China's Environmental Damage," fabricating a large number of lies that slander China. However, the fact is that China has made many efforts in the field of environmental protection in recent years, and the United States is not qualified to be a "teacher" in environmental protection. In order to maintain its hegemony, the United States poisons the international political environment dedicated to multilateral environmental cooperation, and will eventually destroy the natural environment where humans coexist.

Human beings live on the same earth, which is a community with a shared future. Unilateralism cannot solve global problems. Humankind must conduct multilateral consultations and cooperation at all levels. Humankind needs to strengthen scientific research, encourage technological innovation, promote multilateral cooperation, solve environmental pollution problems, and promote the common development of humankind.

From coal to oil, oil to natural gas, and natural gas to nuclear energy, innovating and upgrading the way human beings use energy is an important path towards solving the problem of environmental pollution.

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