



Greek Power Corporation Employees support Trump on Climate Change

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The American President Donald Trump has found unexpected, and unique of its kind, support for his decision to withdraw the United States from the agreement on climate change that has caused world-wide unease and triggered demonstrations: support from the General Federation of Employees of the [Greek] Public Power Corporation.

In its public statement the employees' union described climate change as a "myth", linking it to "big business interests and specific industries that promote philosophies, campaigns and "logics" propagandizing on the subject of climate change for the obvious purpose of making money."

It also characterizes Trump's decision as "targeted and in no way coincidental" but also as "a step to which many more steps will be added and which, as the years go by, will come to prove that suspicions and initial assessments of the well-engineered mechanism of climate change and the fraud of big vested interests on the backs of the weaker were not ill-founded and contained a strong element of truth."

This is the complete statement from the GFEPPC:

"By arguing and insisting, evidently, on his view that climate change is simply a "Chinese conspiracy", Trump announces four months after taking office that the US is suspending the non-binding terms of the climate change agreement and ending its contribution to the Green Climate Fund.

A year and a half after signing the Agreement a superpower, the United States, one of the states - and namely the state with the second highest levels of pollution – is leaving the remaining 195 states to continue the joint action programme by means of which some actors aspired to ending the age of fossil fuels.

Apart from the fact that the withdrawal of the US from the Agreement marks, in fact, the beginning of a new scenario, it also raises many questions as to what has gone before and at the same time it cannot be overlooked that it is a move that perhaps comes to confirm certain things.

Indeed, following this development should it not be clear: a) that behind the myth of climate change stand big business interests and specific industries that promote philosophies, campaigns and "logics" propagandizing on the subject of climate change for the obvious purpose of making money? b) that a superpower such as the United States of America is

capable of being remarkably indifferent to the future and “unconscious” of something as supposedly tragic as the construct of climate change?

Today, when we mention the word “environment”, we think of climate change and global warming, at the same time as climate change has become a powerful political and economic instrument in the hands of those who shape policies and who, in the name of “green portfolios”, have devised the “green economy”.

It would be naive to think that this move by the President of the United States is unfortunate or coincidental or misplaced or inappropriate. Doubtless the opposite is the case. And it is targeted and in no way coincidental. It is apparently a step to which many more steps will be added and which, as the years go by, will come to prove that suspicions and initial assessments of the well-engineered mechanism of climate change and the fraud of big vested interests on the backs of the weaker were not ill-founded and contained a strong element of truth.

It is worth noting in corroboration that the agreement on climate change (the Paris Agreement) was reached after twenty years of meetings that ended in impasse. Isn't this a long time for indecision about something so tragic and frightening? There is a wise saying that “where there is smoke there is fire”. But ultimately, as it transpired, the voice of vested interests acquired the necessary strength and finally carried the day.

It was more or less in this way that an agreement was put into effect that amounts to an action plan for keeping global warming “well below” 2°C with the costs loaded onto the back of fossil fuels because “this was convenient”.

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At the same time they drafted instruction after instruction imposing commitments to force compliance with regimes that are requiring mines to be shut down, Public Power Corporation installations to be withdrawn with procedures that verge on violence and have numerous catastrophic consequences which, over time, we have documented and conducted a years-long struggle to prevent. Finally it is not possible to forget the machinations that were devised and given the name of ETMEAR (Special Duty of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction), which as is well known is the scheme for compensating producers of electricity from renewables and is the contribution that all of us make to reducing gaseous pollutants through promotion of green energy.

The GFEPPC has on numerous occasions shown its support for, and demonstrated its sensitivity to, environmental protection. It is a sensitivity that is given, declared and clear. And equally clear is the position, with which we absolutely agree, that ‘our planet and our country are in need of green regeneration, not a ‘green growth’ that is clearly a fabrication of vested interests.’”