THE CLEAN REVOLUTION IS ALREADY UNDERWAY. TO ACHIEVE REAL EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS WE NEED THE WORLD’S DECISION MAKERS TO DRIVE A CLEAN REVOLUTION - THE ONLY FEASIBLE PATH TO A SMARTER, BETTER, MORE PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

THE ‘FRAMEWORK’ FOR INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE ACTION, UNFCCC

**UNFCCC SIGNED - 1992**
The original UN climate treaty. Established the basic framework and principles for international climate change action. Developed countries committed to take the lead with developing countries agreeing to take action with financial and technological support and as they developed. No legally emission targets agreed for any countries.

**KYOTO PROTOCOL SIGNED - 1997**
Requires industrialised countries to make a collective binding emission cut of 5% below 1990 levels by 2012. Introduced innovative new instruments, including the Clean Development Mechanism. US never ratified. First commitment period (2008-12) covered 50% of 1990 global emissions. Second commitment period coverage down to ~15% as Canada, Japan, Russia and New Zealand join US in opting-out and developing country emissions grow.

**COPENHAGEN ACCORD - 2009**
Last minute, high-level political agreement reached at COP15 in Copenhagen. Introduced the global goal of keeping warming to 2 degrees. Also the first time both developed AND developing countries made emission reduction pledges. This marked a shift away from purely top-down to more bottom-action up action under the UNFCCC, as well as breaking down the distinction of action between developed and developing countries.

**NEW GLOBAL TREATY TO BE AGREED - 2015**
Process to agree new treaty covering all countries established at COP17 Durban in 2011. Negotiations meant to conclude in 2015 with treaty in force from 2020. COP18 provided further shape and direction to the process, which should begin substantive discussions from 2013.

**THE CLEAN REVOLUTION**
For more information about the Clean Revolution and for our analysis of the COP18 negotiations, visit thecleanrevolution.org and follow @climagroup or the hashtag #clearevolution on Twitter.

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UNDERSTANDING THE UNFCCC NEGOTIATIONS
A TIMELINE OF THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

- **1988** IPCC established
- **1990** UNFCCC signed
- **1992** Kyoto protocol signed
- **2005** Kyoto protocol entry into force
- **2007** Copenhagen accord
- **2011** UNFCCC Durban platform on ‘enhanced action’
- **2012** Kyoto protocol 1st commitment period
- **2013-2017 or 2020** Kyoto protocol 2nd commitment period
- **2015** New global treaty to be agreed
- **2020** UNFCCC negotiations on ‘long-term cooperative action’
- **2020 onwards** Kyoto protocol possible 3rd commitment period
- **2020 onwards** New global climate treaty / protocol under the UNFCCC
- **2020 and beyond** The clean revolution is already underway. To achieve real emissions reductions we need the world’s decision makers to drive a clean revolution - the only feasible path to a smarter, better, more prosperous future.