



**The Statement of the ZZ Forum, NSZZ “Solidarność” and OPZZ
on their climate change and energy conservation policies
which will be presented at COP24 in Katowice.**

By 2018, 26 years will have passed since the conclusion of the United Nations Convention on climate change. The Convention was signed on the 9th May 1992. The Kyoto Protocol was concluded 20 years ago and thus the implementation of this agreement began.

1. In connection with the anniversaries of these events and the forthcoming Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), at COP24 in Katowice, Forum ZZ, NSZZ “Solidarność” and OPZZ put forward the following proposals:
 - A) Analysis of the achieved and expected ecological effects of this protocol and other agreements;
 - B) Assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the current climate change policy;
 - C) Conduct a social impact analysis on the number of jobs created and lost;
 - D) Analyse the existing costs of the climate change policy implementation for each signatory of the agreement;
 - E) Analyse the obligations of the countries who entered into the agreement;
 - F) Analyse how those countries spent the money collected from the fines for CO₂ emissions.
2. After conducting the analyses, we propose to start a dialogue on environmental protection and climate change policy through a four-party team set up by the United Nations. The team should consist of politicians, investors, employers, scientists and trade unionists.
3. Conduct an analysis of compliance of the existing EU climate change policy with conventions adopted at the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit in 1992.
4. Funds raised from CO₂ emission auctions should remain at the disposal of national governments and be intended to be used solely to improve the quality of the environment.
5. All energy carriers should be treated equally especially in the field of scientific research aimed at improving the efficiency of their energy production. Each state for the sake of its safety and sovereignty should be able to produce energy from the fuels owned on its territory in order to ensure cheaper heat and electricity for its economy.
6. Any existing installations in particular industries that produce the least emissions should not be charged an emission fee.
7. The existing climate policy should not inhibit the development of industry in any given country by generating excessive costs resulting from this policy and thereby reducing the competitiveness of its economy in relation to other countries..
8. The costs of the existing climate policy should primarily be borne by the consumers of goods and services containing a carbon footprint from richer countries and not by the producers from poorer countries.

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