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Sr. Ida Haurand, SSpS, one of Vivat International's delegates shares some news and impressions from the UN Climate Change Conference, which took place in Glasgow, UK, from 31 October to 12 November:

During the first days of the conference, many countries announced commitments to more climate action. According to the will of more than 130 countries, the destruction of forests is to be stopped by 2030. More than 100 countries committed themselves to significantly reduce their emissions of climate-damaging methane.

In the middle of the week, an alliance was formed that wants to phase out coal between 2030 and 2040. And then a good 45 countries pledged to make their agriculture climate-friendly.

A lot of money is involved. So far, it's called donations to developing countries. In the second week, the same money might be called reparation payments, which would get closer to the purpose of the payments.

The many pledges and negotiations seem positive. But the commitments made so far will lead to an earth warming of 2.7 degrees. People from the Global South who will definitely lose their

homes with a global warming of more than two degrees and young people who fear for their future are protesting and claiming more ambitious targets and more justice.

At the same time, we see that civil society is increasingly excluded from the negotiations. Journalists and observers who have come from all over the world to Glasgow criticize this tendency and it does not show the negotiators who will determine the future of so many people in a good light.

What do we expect from the COP 26? I think the negotiations will continue, as well as the protests. The 1.5 degree target has become more and more unrealistic. Now the negotiations will be about justice through compensation payments. The question that remains is how to compensate with money the loss of lives or the loss of homes and future prospects?

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