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Preface to Paris

Scientific Knowledge, Global Understanding and the
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"We will go forward and join consensus in this today."



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UN - GenderCC, (7 December 2007).

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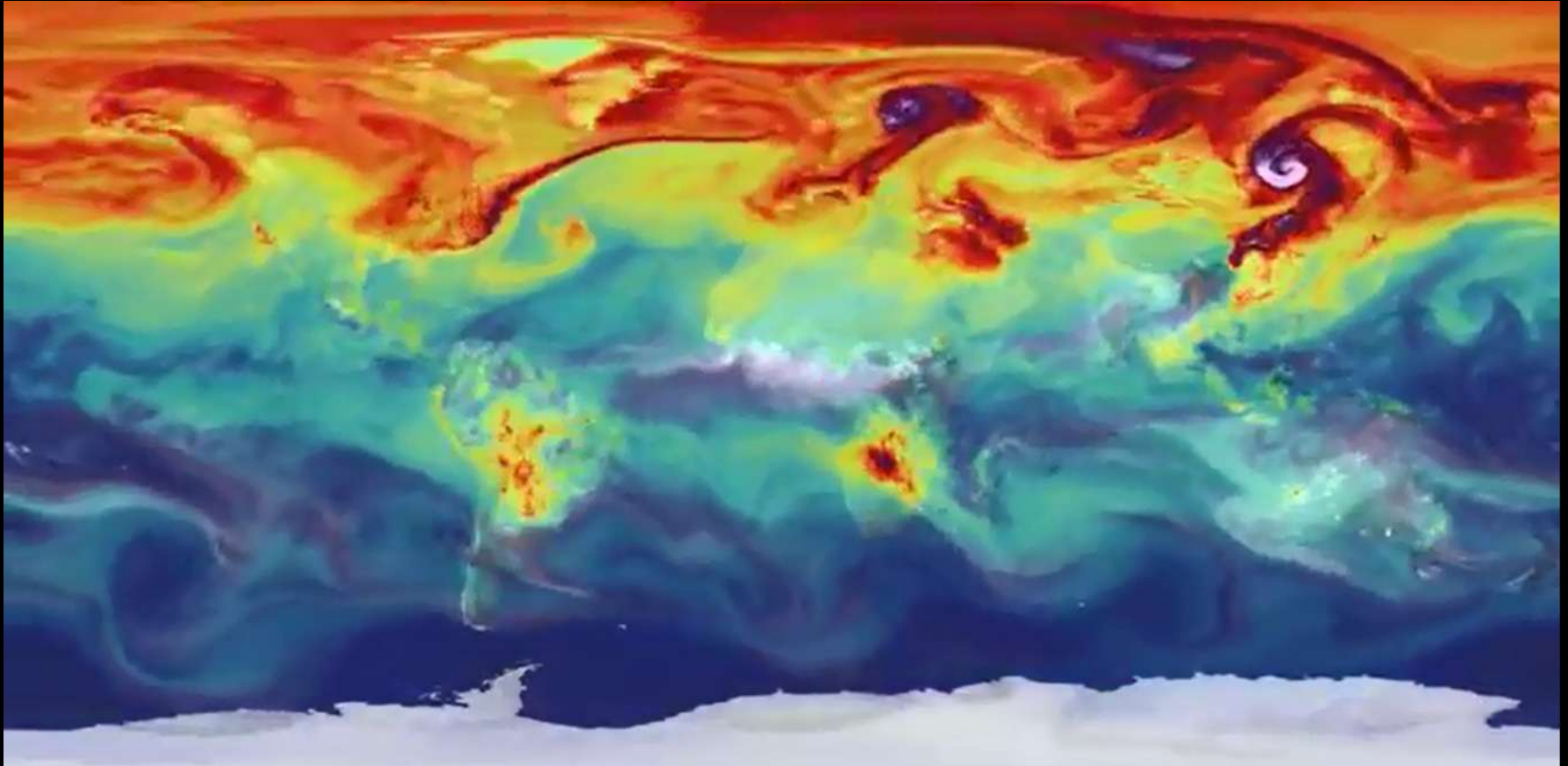
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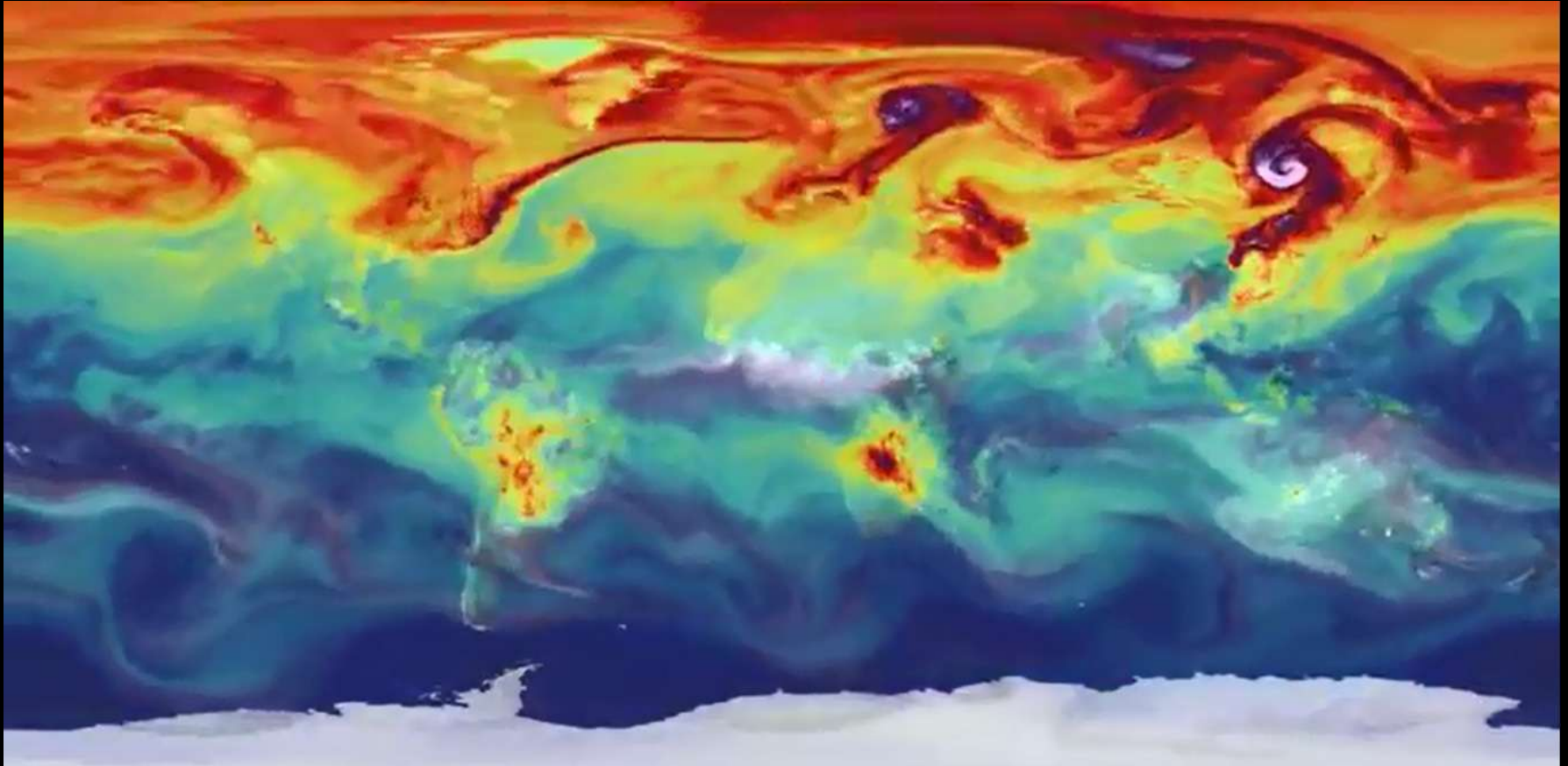
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The case for international equity and fairness.



“This is not about India. It is about the entire world. Does climate change mean that you give up equity?...”



President's informal stocktaking plenary

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You will remember that an international group of NGOs asked the American delegation to leave the talks

COP17 -- Durban, South Africa

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Other observers **said the talks had always been slanted against poor countries, with US corporate muscle setting the agenda and making it hard for poor countries to negotiate other than under extreme pressure near the end of the summit**, when their meagre resources would disadvantage them.

“It is just like apartheid,” Nozipho Joyce Mxakato-Diseko, South African leader of the G77 group of 132 poor countries, complained bitterly in October. “We find ourselves in a position where, in essence, we are disenfranchised.”

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Asad Rahman of Friends of the Earth added: “We had a string of unbalanced texts and drafts before Paris. The result was that we reached a place at the end of the first week where we should have been nearly a year ago, so this week there have had to be trade-offs. ***It was the deliberate engineering of a car crash so a deal was never going to be sufficient or fair.***”

But what do we *really* know about China's position and reaction to COP21?



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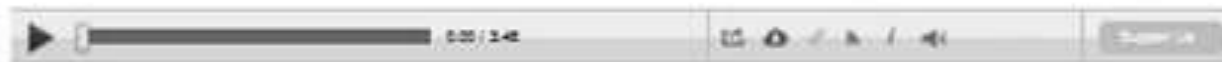


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