

Press release: 17 Key Demands of „Lawyers for Future“ for COP 27

As a member of the drafting team for the preparation of a list of demands, I hereby publish 17 key demands of „Lawyers for Future“ especially on the occasion of COP 27 against the will of the L4F-Executive Board.

The demands offer new and successful solutions under international law against the global climate catastrophe that has already begun, the leaden inaction of governments, the criminal promotion of the continuation of fossil energy production and emissions, the irresponsible delay of the global shift to renewable energies, the fossil war of aggression against the entire UN, the veto blockades in the UN Security Council, a new cold war and the threat of a nuclear third world war.

The international discussion at COP 27 alone, but also within governments, administrations, corporations, investment circles, NGOs and, of course, the global civil society fighting for its planetary survival, about the primary duty to protect the atmosphere, which has already existed since 1976, and the mandatory implementation of the Paris Agreement (PA) as 'ius cogens' since 2015, will "move mountains" here in a consensual and constructive way, especially against the background of the nonsense of the imperial fossil power takeover of a planet that will then die much sooner.

Decisive here should also be our support for the EU Parliament's call for COP 27 to take into account the international dimension of the central statement in the "climate decision" of the Federal Constitutional Court that instead of completely inadequate compromises and majority decisions, the obligation of all states to achieve climate neutrality (in a timely and realistic manner) must be implemented as a matter of priority.

The exclusion of sanctions in the PA, which is massively criticised worldwide, is not effective at all, but on the contrary null and void according to Art. 53 VCLT, just like the climate-damaging ECT and CETA as well as the fundamentally 'ius cogens'-blocking veto right in the UN Security Council. And the insufficient fulfilment of the PA and especially its massive violations are not only also null and void, but also constitute a crime under international law for which government members, corporate CEOs and investors can be held personally criminally and financially liable. This should trigger a jolt through the ranks of the COP as well as in corporate headquarters and release undreamt constructive forces in favour of the PA and the fastest possible decarbonisation of the global economy.

In this respect, the two existing sanction and enforcement mechanisms under international law, international criminal law and the invalidity of 'ius cogens'-blocking norms according to Art. 53 VCLT, should finally be explicitly activated by the UN and the COP 27 in favour of the PA, or at least discussed intensively and in global public in order to deter and positively activate those obliged to act.

However, it is precisely this comprehensive international public discussion on the international legal enforcement mechanisms that can be activated in favour of the PA and the survival of all humanity that the board of „Lawyers for Future“ has been trying to massively prevent for months - and even within Lawyers for Future.

Therefore, today's publication of the 17 key demands of „Lawyers for Future“ past the board is absolutely necessary to enable a highly constructive international discussion and the actual, fastest possible and successful realisation of these international legal solutions at COP 27 as well as at UN and national level for the survival of humanity.

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