Trump kicks out the United Nations

30/09/2019



The clip of 16-year-old climate activist Greta Thunberg's withering look at US President Donald Trump as he entered the Glass Palace to attend a UN meeting on religious freedom in New York took over the internet.

Spanish news agency EFE commented on Monday from NY, the arrival of the US president.

Unexpectedly Donald Trump arrived at the United Nations where the Climate Action Summit is running but he didn't take part in that high-level meeting.

He appeared when India's PM Narendra Modi was beginning his speech, and he also listened to German Chancellor Angela Merkel, before leaving the hall.

Upon his departure he declared to the press: "I am a big believer in clean air and clean water, and all countries should get together and do that, and they should do it for themselves. It's very, very important".

Earlier, observers had recalled that the main absentee of the meeting would be Trump, a climate change skeptic, who has even decided to withdraw United States from Paris Agreement.

EFE reported that UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres inaugurated the event with a message of urgency, but also of hope.

In his text he referred that "Time is running out, but it's not too late yet. Climate emergency is a race we are losing, but it is a race we can win".

In addition, he stressed that it is not a meeting of speeches or negotiations, but for action, and that should show concrete commitments.

Some 60 heads of State and Government are due to take part, as well as the speeches of local and regional authorities that will present new plans on this matter.

Trump denied Sunday that his absence would be another of his contempts towards both climate topic and the United Nations when he assured "Simply, I am very busy".

Cameramen immortalized Greta's reaction as the magnate went past ignoring her, and she gave him an ice-cold glare.

"If a picture is worth more than 1,000 words, then this GIF is worth 100,000", tweeted NowThis news organization, quoted by Italian news agency ANSA.

"Greta Thunberg accidentally warmed the planet with her scorching glare", a New York magazine said ironically.

Translated by Jorge Mesa Benjamin / CubaSi Translation Staff