

Report says Donald Trump prepares to pull out of Paris Agreement

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Washington, November 9 (RHC)-- U.S. President-elect Donald Trump is preparing to pull out of the Paris Agreement, an international treaty on climate change that was signed in 2016, according to a report by The New York Times.

The report published on Friday showed that Trump's transition team had prepared executive orders and proclamations on withdrawing from the Paris Agreement. It said that Trump will also shrink the size of some national monuments to allow more drilling and mining while ending restrictions on liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports and relaxing pollution standards in California and other states.

The report comes as world leaders are preparing to attend this year's United Nations climate change summit, known as COP29, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The gathering, planned to begin on November 11, seeks to build upon the results of landmark international deals on climate change, including the Paris Agreement, to impose more restrictions on the use of fossil fuels.

However, Trump has been a long-standing critic of such international efforts, saying they are in favor of countries like China and accepting them could hamper growth in the US economy.

Karoline Leavitt, a spokeswoman for the transition team, told Reuters news agency on Saturday that Trump's election earlier this week had given him a "mandate to implement the promises he made on the campaign trail. He will deliver."

Trump promised during his campaign to take many of the actions listed in the New York Times report, including a reconsideration of incumbent U.S. President Joe Biden's decision in January to pause approvals of new LNG exports to big markets in Asia and Europe.

The report said that some people on Trump's transition team are even discussing moving the headquarters of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency out of Washington.

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