UN Mischief from Durban to Rio

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The United Nations Climate Change Conference in Durban, South Africa opening on November 28, called COP-17, is one of a series of UN meetings working toward a specific goal. Advertising for this meeting features a long list of invited celebrities including Angelina Jolie, U2's Bono, Ted Turner, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Al Gore, and Michael Bloomberg.

The UN goal is to move the United States into global government by environmental regulations and a vast network of taxes. These newly-imposed taxes will give the UN a tremendous stream of money in addition to U.S. dues and congressional appropriations.

The plan for taxes was launched at the 1992 UN meeting in Rio de Janeiro, known as the Earth Summit, where Conference Secretary General Maurice Strong produced a 300-page document with 40 proposals called Agenda 21. The tax-seeking route then proceeded through UN meetings in Cancun in 2010, in Durban this November, and will be finalized next year at what is called Rio+20 (i.e., Rio de Janeiro after 20 years).

Agenda 21 is a comprehensive master plan to reshape and control the U.S. and lock us into the clutches of the UN under the innocuous phrase Sustainable Development. Along with 178 countries, President George H.W. Bush accepted Agenda 21 as "soft law" adopted by a new tactic called collaborative consensus building, instead of by treaty.

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Bush popularized the term New World Order, but left it for others to define. Mikhail Gorbachev said the threat of an environmental crisis will be the international key to unlock the New World Order, and President Bill Clinton issued an Executive Order in 1993 creating the President's Council on Sustainable Development.

Advocates of Agenda 21 talk about the three E's of Sustainable Development: Economy, Equity, and Environment. Equity means replacing our American constitutional system with central planning and "social justice," which is a code word for redistribution of wealth, abolition of private property rights, and giving favored corporations tax breaks, grants, and use of Eminent Domain.

Economy means shifting from a private enterprise system to government-private-corporation-partnerships. That would be a giant step toward total government and UN control of our economy, with the ability to redistribute our goods and services to foreign countries.

Environment means giving animals and plants more rights or at least equal rights with humans. It also promotes worship of nature and Mother Earth.

To talk about Agenda 21, you will have to get used to a new vocabulary: green jobs, green building codes, going green, regional planning, smart growth, biodiversity, sustainable farming, growth management, resilient cities, sustainable communities, redistribution, urban growth boundaries, redevelopment districts, and consensus.

Agenda 21 wants to herd people into crowded communities, with limited housing space and limited parking spaces. This will promote the green goal of reducing our

use of automobiles, allowing only electric cars that can't go very fast or very far, so people will have to walk and use bicycles and mass transit.

Agenda 21 supports the Wildlands Project, which seeks to re-wild 50 percent of our nation and turn it into a pre-Columbian wilderness where animals roam freely and humans are crowded into limited spaces. Already, we find that rural roads are not being repaired or maintained.

Agenda 21 has started its attacks on rural and small-town property rights. Six hundred U.S. cities and counties have signed on to ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, pronounced ik-lay), putting themselves indirectly under supervision of UN regulations and restrictions.

Advocates of Agenda 21 believe the earth is overcrowded. They demand an 85 percent reduction in human population.

It's a major goal of Agenda 21 to lower the U.S. standard of living by cutting our use of energy. Agenda 21 plans to use smart meters, smart grids, and smart growth so that our nation's use of electricity can be controlled, limited, and redistributed.

Schools and universities are important to Agenda 21's goals. The plan is make them indoctrination institutions, where kids are taught "green" propaganda, as well as global education to make them citizens of the world.

When you get down to the nitty-gritty, what these UN climate conferences are all about is getting the UN to impose taxes that will give the UN an immense flow of money so it doesn't have to worry about Congress cutting off appropriations. This means imposing UN taxes on currency transfers, fossil energy production including oil, natural gas and coal, the commercial use of oceans, international airplane tickets, and all foreign exchange transactions.

Taxes of this magnitude would give the UN so much power that it would become a de facto world government. Tell your Members of Congress to pledge that the day the UN adopts this nonsense will be the day we say goodbye to the UN.