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During the last few years, earth has been exposed to excessive high temperatures that took the lives of many victims in Italy, France and other regions of the world. It seems temperature is getting higher annually, as we have all noticed. Environmentalists concluded it was due to the worsening degrees of pollution. Those scientists have warned against the grave consequences our planet is being exposed to should this heat continue to rise. Scientists estimated heat increase at quarter or half a degree annually. If this continues, it will lead to the melting of the North and South Poles, resulting in the rise of oceans and seawater levels, and hence the drowning of many islands and shores, in addition to other crises that may hit this planet. There must be attempts to limit pollution and the resultant heat through applying the necessary scientific means to curb the leakage and pollution resulting from powerful industries rampant in the advanced world.

According to the recommendations of these scientists, the international community came up with what is known as the Kyoto Protocol on climate change, which was signed by all concerned parties that pledged to commit themselves to its articles. The only country that refused to do so was the United States of America. There is no justification for this refusal except the arrogance and hegemony of transnational corporations and powerful industries, especially those involved in arms trade, and the influence they exert over US decisions. The international community has a right to raise an eye-brow and be surprised at this situation, because implementing the Kyoto Protocol and the resulting cut in pollution will only cost these industries less than 10% of their endless profits.

Scientists have asserted the dangers of pollution and we have no doubt the American people do realize these inevitable future dangers that will surely affect them, just as the rest of the globe. Despite this awareness, helpless sectors are powerless before the dominance and hegemony of arms traders and manufacturers. We believe Mr. Bush himself is not ignorant of these facts. However, we surprisingly enough find him disbelievably crying: Why do they hate us????!!

In reply to this question we say, the people of the world are entitled -- and have the duty -- to rebel against those who endanger them and play havoc with earth.

People worldwide will appreciate and love the United States and its leadership as they did in the past, only when the leadership is like that of Abraham Lincoln who liberated the Africans under the chains of slavery in the American South. Or like Eisenhower who called for the closing down of arms and weapons factories, in his great outcry: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in a final sense a theft from those who hunger and not fed--those who are cold and not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone--it is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children."

Mr. Chairman, let the United States produce and present such great leaders and people throughout the

world will embrace them with appreciation and goodwill.

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