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## Joint Declaration Between Solidarity and The Heartland Institute

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The Silesian Region of Solidarity, the Secretariat of Mining and Energy of Solidarity, and The Heartland Institute express skepticism of the assertions of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that the world stands at the edge of a climate catastrophe. Solidarity and The Heartland Institute together stress that there is no scientific consensus on the main causes and consequences of climate change. Neither organization opposes the goal of clean air nor supports the elimination of coal from the world's energy portfolio.

The Silesian Region of Solidarity, the Secretariat of Mining and Energy of Solidarity, and The Heartland Institute met during COP24 in Katowice, Poland and agreed to begin working together more closely to advance sound, science-based public policy. Solidarity, which translated the first edition of the Heartland-published *Climate Change Reconsidered* series in 2009, was very satisfied by the new science and policy presentations from Heartland during their COP24 meeting. The presentations assured Solidarity that their doubts about current, alarmist climate policy are correct.

We, speaking as one, believe in the restoration of the Scientific Method and the dismissal of ideological dogma at the United Nations. That means a healthy skepticism of data interpretation and policy conclusions and an end to the war on science and scientists by powerful state-backed forces.

The Silesian Region of Solidarity, the Secretariat of Mining and Energy of Solidarity, and The Heartland Institute together believe that global leaders should focus their efforts on energy affordability and availability that raise living standards around the world. The negative impacts of expensive energy on human health and welfare are manifest and devastating. Affordable energy is absolutely necessary to lift people out of poverty and secure a brighter future for the people of the world.

The Silesian Region of Solidarity, the Secretariat of Mining and Energy of Solidarity, and The Heartland Institute expect this meeting to foster even more cooperation focused on mutual education on climate and energy policy, but the most important joint task will be educating the public and policy makers on climate policy. The focus should be on educating young people with special programs for the world's youth.

The Silesian Region of Solidarity, the Secretariat of Mining and Energy of Solidarity, and The Heartland Institute believe it is very important to take part in future scientific conferences and seminars hosted by both organizations, with Solidarity and The Heartland Institute working together as partners organizing future conferences.

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