

(provisional translation)

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Resolution declaring climate emergency

House of Representatives
National Diet of Japan

The House of Representatives resolves as follows:

In recent years, with global warming as a primary cause, many parts of the globe have been experiencing record heat waves triggering massive forest fires, while hurricanes and floods have inflicted unprecedented damage. Japan has also witnessed an increase in the number of people hospitalized and the death toll from disaster-level heat causing heatstroke. Japan also suffers serious damage from typhoons and torrential rains of once-in-decades scale occurring every year.

Considering this situation, the international community has enhanced its efforts by setting greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets under the Paris Agreement. However, even if countries achieve their nationally determined targets, the amount would fall far short of the volume of reduction necessary. The global community is facing a situation which should be described as a climate crisis.

We share with the international community the recognition that the issue of global warming has already advanced to the state of a climate crisis, going beyond the scope of climate change. To overcome this crisis, we are determined to put forth a national effort suitable for an honored member of the international community, aiming at bringing about a decarbonized society at the earliest possible time by redesigning our economy and society and drastically strengthening our initiatives. As a first step and as the collective will of the National Diet, which represents the people of Japan, the House of Representatives declares a climate emergency.

気候非常事態宣言決議（第二〇三回国会、決議第一号）

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衆議院

近年、地球温暖化も要因として、世界各地を記録的な熱波が襲い、大規模な森林火災を引き起こすとともに、ハリケーンや洪水が未曾有の被害をもたらしている。我が国でも、災害級の猛暑や熱中症による搬送者・死者数の増加のほか、数十年に一度といわれる台風・豪雨が毎年のように発生し深刻な被害をもたらしている。

これに対し、世界は、パリ協定の下、温室効果ガスの排出削減目標を定め、取組の強化を進めているが、各国が掲げている目標を達成しても必要な削減量には大きく不足しており、世界はまさに気候危機と呼ぶべき状況に直面している。

私たちは「もはや地球温暖化問題は気候変動の域を超えて気候危機の状況に立ち至っている」との認識を世界と共有する。そしてこの危機を克服すべく、一日も早い脱炭素社会の実現に向けて、我が国の経済社会の再設計・取組の抜本的強化を行い、国際社会の名誉ある一員として、それに相応しい取組を、国を挙げて実践していくことを決意する。その第一歩として、ここに国民を代表する国会の総意として気候非常事態を宣言する。

右決議する。