
G20 BACKS STRONGER CLIMATE ACTION, BUT WON'T END COAL USE

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ROME □ G20 leaders committed to stronger action than ever before to limit global warming at a summit in Rome on Sunday, but failed to strike a deal on phasing out coal.

The signal from the leaders of the world's top economies was being watched closely from the COP26 U.N. climate summit, which was beginning in Glasgow, Scotland at the same time as the deal was concluded.

The decisions we make today will have a direct impact on the success of the Glasgow summit and, ultimately, on our ability to tackle the climate crisis, Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi, the G20 host, told leaders.

Speaking from Glasgow, Alok Sharma, the U.K. minister who is president of COP26, said he was "cautiously hopeful about what I'm hearing from Rome * I know discussions haven't been easy." But he added: "Countries are clear-sighted on the urgency of the science."

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