

LEA 1
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Don't let us down: UN climate change talks in Cancun

Government officials / representatives / ministers are gathered / are meeting at the annual UN climate change summit / conference to draw up a highly needed new accord / treaty to combat global warming. **(23)** Little is expected though, as drastic measures are still awaited. **(33)** The effects worldwide are devastating but if current talks fail, poor countries will be most affected / worst hit by changing weather patterns / extreme weather conditions. **(53)** Governments are under pressure but as past / previous promises remain unfulfilled, scientists / researchers say temperatures will keep rising, causing ice sheets to melt, sea levels to rise and heat waves. **(81)** Few experts and politicians actually believe warming can be contained / controlled and a global accord seems impossible: The North and the South disagree over appropriate funding, American commitment is weak and emerging nations fear economic growth / expansion could dwindle. **(118)**

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