

to Mr. Biden while at COP (Conference of the parties)
climate meeting in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt,
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COP 27 in Sharm El Sheikh / G20 meeting on Bali Island

A few important suggestions for your meetings and for the future...

Dear Mr. President – Mr. Biden

I've read in the papers that you've met with Mr. Xi Jinping in person. I like that!

In the picture that's in my daily paper I can see the two of you shaking hands;
that made me think that – internationally – politicians always greet each other by
handshake; but I can't imagine that that's the normal way to greet one another in China or
Asia? Now you've got the opportunity to ask Mr. Jinping about the traditional Chinese
greeting and practice together with him so you can greet him in his own tradition's way the
next time you meet;

you probably speak English during your meetings– how nice would it be to learn some
Chinese words and maybe a short traditional song that Mr. Jinping teaches you and whose
meaning he explains to you?

You know, I'd like that, when politicians would use their meetings to exchange traditional
values, to learn about the food that's eaten in the country you visit -
e.g. now, in Sharm El Sheikh: what do you eat and drink at the COP 27 meeting? Where do
the ingredients come from? Do you really need the bottled water or drinks in plastic bottles?
What happens to the bottles after you've drunk the liquids? How much garbage do you all
leave behind? Are there compost piles?

Maybe tap water could be drunk, if necessary a filter system can be installed – also in other
hotels for tourists – you could start these changes now that you are there!

Ask a plumber, pay him conference money.

Do you need AC running all the time? Where does the power for it come from? Maybe solar
panels can be installed on the roof top while you are there? Since it is a climate conference:
Do you remind each other to switch off electronic devices (e. g. mobile phones) as often and
as long as possible? Do you need artificial lighting all the time?

You get the idea – don't you? **And you can do that at every meeting: remind each other to
save resources and energy.**

It would also be nice if you could meet at a conference center that can easily be reached by
train and doesn't require so many of the participants to fly in;

I didn't like it when 97 leaders used helicopters to come to Elmau Castle in Bavaria in the
summer: you should use public transport: trains / busses, come in groups, travel together –
that could be arranged!

I'd also suggest that old, existing (sports) stadiums are used in the future for International
championships or the Olympic Games, they can be renovated and spruced up, if necessary
– but we shouldn't build more of those huge arenas, they always require streets and new
infrastructure too and mean a lot of noise made and materials used – which could be saved
and used for more important building / construction jobs like the renovation of hospitals or
schools ...

is it necessary to have a convoy of 20 or 30 cars accompanying you? - it's a pity you don't
dare to ride a bicycle or use local transport;

Please, do not outsource these responsibilities, but see to them yourselves as participants of the meetings and role models for all people on earth;
I especially ask you, Mr. Biden, to initiate these changes in the way you observe and think about your surroundings: always try to see the impact you have on Mother Earth as a whole and strive for the least damage and the most honor and humility.

Once you start, more people will catch on and change will be contagious!

Thank you,

good rune

P.S.: and of course the most important task is to end the production and use of military equipment!

Transform your war forces to peace forces: they can help plant veggies and trees, clean up the rivers, they can play soccer or baseball with kids, can help at schools, build new Waldorf campuses, lead nature expeditions, build bicycles, be rickshaw bicycle drivers; you can keep the armies but not for war and destruction. Pay them for earth-friendly tasks; war is the biggest destruction – end it – you, together with all the political leaders – you can!!

