

We, the below signed scientists, support the secondary school students' climate strike called for 15 March 2019. We welcome the fact that Swedish school student Greta Thunberg's call for politicians not to close their eyes to the alarming scientific facts summarised in last year's UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's report has now reached the Czech Republic. In a situation in which we remain one of the largest polluters in the world in terms of carbon dioxide production per capita, we cannot act as if the problem of climate change does not affect us. We are grateful to these engaged secondary school students for their challenge to politicians and us all that we immediately start carrying out the "homework" we were tasked with in the Paris Agreement on climate protection. Only by rapid execution of specific measures in regard to, for example, reducing coal mining and burning, as well as taking care of our farmland, forests, water in the landscape and other aspects of climate adaptation will we be able to hand our land over to future generations such that we do not entirely wreck the future for the striking secondary school students and their peers.

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