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BONN, Germany — Syria announced today it will join the Paris climate agreement, leaving the U.S. as the only country outside the international accord.

The Syrian delegation announced it would ratify the 197-party agreement during a plenary meeting on the second day of the U.N.'s two-week COP23 climate summit, hosted by Fiji in Germany.

The Syrian People's Assembly approved a draft law on Oct. 22 on ratifying the Paris agreement, according to the state-owned [Syrian Arab News Agency](#).

Syria and Nicaragua were the only two countries in the world outside the 2015 agreement when U.S. President Donald Trump announced his intention to withdraw in June.

Nicaragua, which argued the deal was not strong enough to tackle climate change, joined in October.

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