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Landmark summit takes direct aim at fossil fuels

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Nations at the UN climate summit have for the first time taken explicit aim at the use of fossil fuels.

The talks in Dubai came close to collapse but in a dramatic turn-around, nations agreed to "transition away" from coal, oil and gas.

But small islands hit hard by climate change protested, saying the deal was rushed through without them.

And it departed from earlier stronger language to "**phase out** fossil fuels".

Many nations including the US, UK and European Union had pushed for a phase out from the opening of the talks.

What was agreed at COP28 about fossil fuels?

For the first time, countries agreed on the need to "transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems".

The text calls for this to be done "in a just, orderly and equitable manner". This is seen as an important recognition that richer countries are expected to move away from coal, oil and gas more quickly.

However, the deal doesn't compel countries to take action, and no timescale is specified.

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