

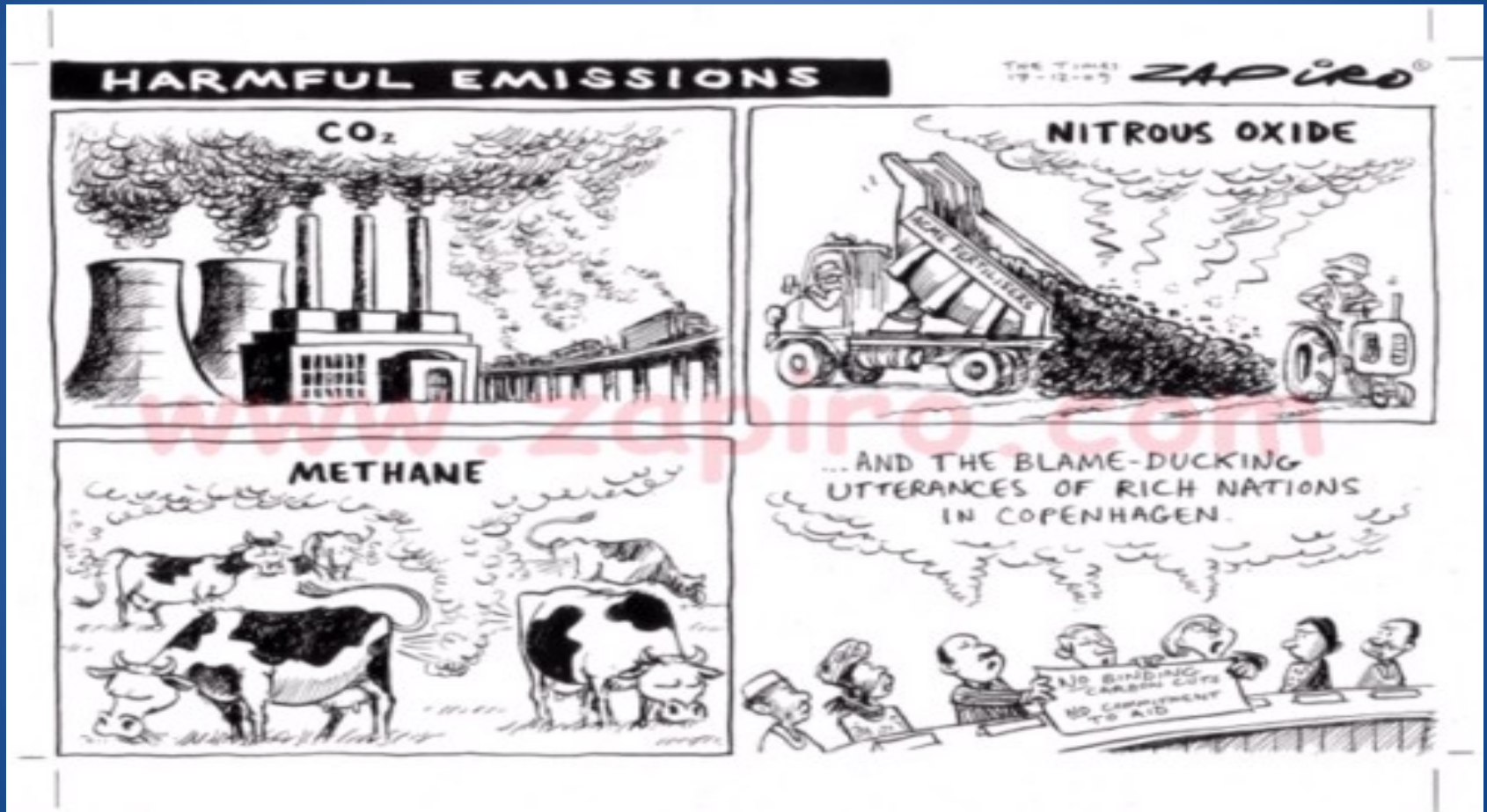
South Africa, India and the climate change negotiations

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The International Politics of Climate Change



Ahead of Durban - Changing Geo-political Context (*players*)

- Already been scepticism from developed countries (US, EU)
 - US – no progress on climate change leg in congress?
 - EU – peripheral?
- Japan, Russia, Canada – no second commitment period for the Kyoto Protocol



Changing Geo-political context (cont.)

- Voices from the developing world –
 - LDCs and the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) – greater commitments immediately.
 - ALBA group (Bolivia, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Venezuela) capitalism is the root cause.
 - Africa Group, G77+China.

BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India and China)



- BASIC - Points of agreement:
 1. 2nd commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol (common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities).
 2. Emphasis on adaptation (for LDCs)
 3. Finance and technology transfer

Global governance and the CC regime

Representation and Effectiveness of current system of Global Governance?

- Use of BASIC as a platform - issue focused, political grouping.
- Success in using developing country grouping – AU (Barcelona – 2 track process), BASIC (Copenhagen Accord)

But

Sustainability – representation and effectiveness?



COP 17: Expectations as hosts

- Moderate expectations
- Ensure inclusive and transparent negotiations (multilateralism)
- The African agenda and championing African interests
- Defend the two track process
- Second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol
- South Africa as a bridge builder



Opportunities for India/SA Green Diplomacy

Foreign Policy Priorities –

- Pragmatic considerations
- Embrace multilateralism – especially on issues of gg (IBSA, BRICS, BASIC, G20, NAM, G77+China)

Closer cooperation in the fields of energy (renewable) and food security.

Diverse societies, socio-economic development issues.

Soft power (democracy, struggle for human rights, Climate Expo).

2nd track diplomacy/citizens diplomacy – pressure groups.



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