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“The same urgency needed to fight COVID-19 is needed to address the climate crisis.”

“This is a global challenge that has worsened existing inequalities and vulnerabilities from within and between nations,” Duterte said in his first-ever speech before the United Nations General Assembly.

Duterte said people in developing countries like the Philippines suffer the most from the threat of climate change.

“We cannot afford to suffer more. The Philippines joined the Paris Agreement to fight climate change. We call on all parties, especially those who have not made good their commitment to fight climate change, to honor the same,” he said.

Duterte signed the Paris Agreement in 2017.