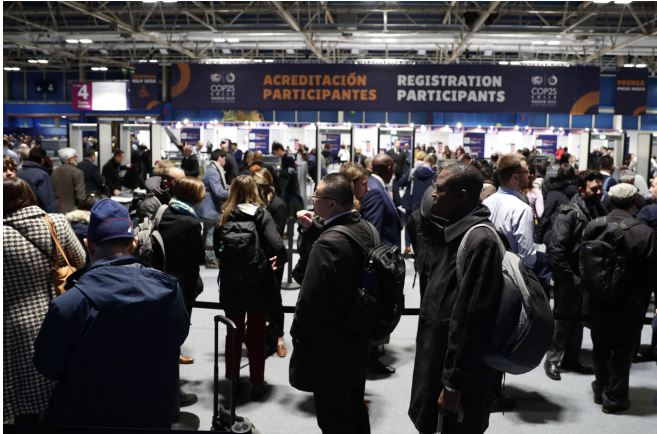


Nearly 200 countries attend ambitious climate talks

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Attendees queue at one of the security control at the COP25 climate talks summit in Madrid, Monday Dec. 2, 2019. U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Sunday that the world's efforts to stop climate change have been "utterly inadequate" so far and there is a danger global warming could pass the "point of no return." Delegates from almost 200 countries will try to put the finishing touches on the rules governing the 2015 Paris climate accord at the COP25 climate talks Dec. 2-13 meeting. (AP Photo/Manu Fernandez)

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U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is warning that the efforts so far are insufficient to overcome the "point of no return" in [climate change](#).

"What is lacking is [political will](#)," Guterres told reporters on the eve of the COP25 meeting, which opened Monday.

The summit, which moved to the Spanish capital after Chile had to pull out amid anti-government protests, aims to put the finishing touches to the

rules governing the 2015 Paris accord.

That involves creating a functioning international emissions-trading system and compensating [poor countries](#) for losses they suffer from rising sea levels and other consequences of climate change.



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