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<tr><td rowspan="4">Time for Arctic Action!

By our environment correspondent Aida Alonso

The loss of sea ice continues to be a significant consequence and, in turn, a cause of climate change. Climate scientists are overwhelmed by the rate of decline. Yet because the high Arctic does not belong to one country, the lack of protection persists. This lack of protection is simply unacceptable.</td><td>She wants something done about the issue of the Arctic.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Aida Alonso is the author. She writes for the newspaper about the environment.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>This is an international issue.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>It is not protected.</td><td>Her perspective is that she thinks this is wrong.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Recent statistics show that 75% of the Arctic sea ice simply melts away every summer. This is unprecedented in human history. Environment experts say that the decline is preventable if we act now. So why is this not happening?</td><td colspan="2"></td></tr>
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Some politicians argue that countries near the Arctic should be free to choose what economic activity they carry out there. They say that people who do not live in the region have no right to force other countries to stop giving people jobs there. It is, however, totally unfair on those small countries who are at risk of being completely **submerged** and are not having their voices heard. Whole countries will disappear beneath the waves, and the international community will be forced to deal with the refugee crisis. World leaders should ask themselves – what plans have you got for dealing with it? If the answer to that question is 'none', then they need to get behind a **treaty** before it is too late. In homes around the world, people are **distraught** at the sight of polar bears struggling to survive in their disappearing habitat. Campaigners who are arguing for an international treaty say countries can choose how to develop themselves, but they have no right to force others to suffer the consequences of these choices.	
Climate change sceptics will tell you that the link between CO_2 and global warming has yet to be proven. They will tell you that they support industries in the Arctic that create jobs. They will try to persuade you that it is all a question of free choice.	
Let them tell that to the people who are struggling with the consequences of sea-level rise. Let them tell that to the farmers who are struggling to get their crops to grow. This catastrophe has gone on for too long. An international protection treaty for the Arctic is an idea whose time has come.	

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Definitions:

significant	important or noticeable.
overwhelm	if a feeling or situation overwhelms someone, it has an effect that is too strong or extreme.
unprecedented	never having happened before.
preventable	something that it is possible to stop from happening.
submerged	under the surface of water.
distraught	extremely upset and unhappy.
treaty	a written agreement between two or more countries.
climate change	the way the Earth's weather is changing.
sceptic	someone who doubts that a belief or an idea is true or useful.