Subject: Reverse Effects of Climate Change

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On March 4 the United Nations' U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its latest report. Message: *There is a rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all.* 

Here are a few excerpts from <u>World is on brink of catastrophic warming, U.N. climate change report says</u> (Washington Post) and

<u>Climate Change Is Speeding Toward Catastrophe. The Next Decade Is Crucial, U.N. Panel Says</u> (New York Times):

- The world is likely to pass a dangerous temperature threshold within the next 10 years, pushing the planet past the point of catastrophic warming unless nations drastically transform their economies and immediately transition away from fossil fuels.
- Decades of delay have denied the world any hope of an easy and gradual transition to a more sustainable economy. Now, only "deep, rapid and ... immediate" efforts across all aspects of society...will be able to stave off catastrophe.
- Failure to act now won't only condemn humanity to a hotter planet. It will also make it impossible for future generations to cope with their changed environment.
- The poor and vulnerable are bearing the brunt of our collective failure to act.

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