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## **SB 1403**

Introduced by  
Senators Burges: Crandell, Griffin, Melvin, Murphy, Shooter, Ward

**AN ACT**

**PROHIBITING THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM ADOPTING OR IMPLEMENTING THE UNITED NATIONS RIO DECLARATION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Rio declaration on environment and development:  
3 prohibition; definition

4 A. Notwithstanding any other law, the state of Arizona and all  
5 political subdivisions of this state shall not adopt or implement the creed,  
6 doctrine, principles or any tenet of the United Nations Rio Declaration on  
7 Environment and Development and the Statement of Principles for Sustainable  
8 Development adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and  
9 Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June, 1992 or any other  
10 international law that contravenes the United States Constitution or the  
11 Constitution of Arizona.

12 B. Since the United Nations has enlisted the support of numerous  
13 independent, non-governmental organizations to implement this agenda around  
14 the world, the state of Arizona and all political subdivisions are prohibited  
15 from implementing programs of, expending any sum of money for, being a member  
16 of, receiving funding from, contracting services from, or giving financial or  
17 other forms of aid to the International Council for Local Environmental  
18 Initiatives or any of its related or affiliated organizations including  
19 Countdown 2010, Local Action for Biodiversity, European Centre for Nature  
20 Conservation, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, and the  
21 President's Council on Sustainable Development, enacted on June 29, 1993 by  
22 Executive Order 12852.

23 C. For the purposes of this section, "political subdivision" includes  
24 this state, or a county, city or town in this state, or a public partnership  
25 or any other public entity in this state.