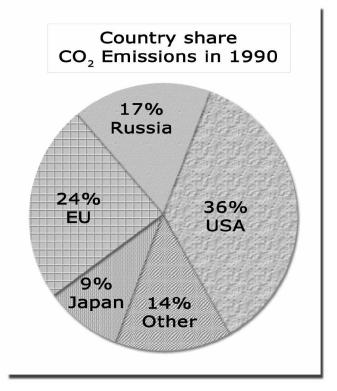
## Chapter E. Climate changes today

The 'Effect of the Naval War' is a serious matter to discuss. The detailed investigation we went through in our pervious chapters proves that this phenomenon clearly dominated the climatic situation during the last century. The climate changed at least twice because

of the war at sea. We still have to answer the question: by which proportion is man responsible for global warming?

This issue has been the subject of arduous debates for more than 20 years. And most of the claims say that modern civilization is responsible for the higher atmospheric temperatures, which were caused by man-made greenhouse gases. The Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), active since 1988, is the main supporter of this thesis.

The carbon dioxide (CO2) is the main argument of the IPCC. Proud to convey the "consensus" of hundreds of top scientists from around the world, this organisation has hardly ever hesitated to confirm its belief in the Assessments Reports<sup>i</sup> and their correctness.



## The IPCC Report from 1990 states:

"Emission resulting from human activities is substantially increasing the atmospheric concentration of the greenhouse gases: carbon dioxide, methane, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and nitrous oxide. These increases will enhance the greenhouse effect, resulting on average in additional warming of the earth's surface. The main greenhouse gas, water vapour, will increase in response to global warming and further enhance it"."

Not everybody agrees with IPCC and its "consensus" thesis. While most of the scientists and climatologists support it, there are also voices which contradict the conclusions of IPCC. The most important document in this regard is the "Oregon Petition" of 1998, signed by 17,000 scientists who were protesting against the Kyoto Agreement. The petition requested the acknowledgement of the following statement:

There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth". iii

Neither the IPCC nor the Oregon Petition's claims are satisfactory enough. They don't reflect a correct assessment and analysis of the Earth's climate during the last 150 years.

i For example 1990, 1995; and the Report 2001 on http://www.grida.m/climate/pre\_tar/wgl/index.htm ii PCC-First Scientific Assessment Report, Climate Change, J.T. Houghton, et al (ed.), Executive Summary, page XI, Cambridge July 1990 iii See: Anti Global Warming Petition Project; http://www.oismorg/project