Kids are taking governments to court over climate. And they are finding success

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(CNN) — It was early in the morning when Lucas Garcia got a call that changed his life. He was staying at his mother's house, frantically trying to finish a school project, and he had to leave to meet a lawyer who had new information.

The lawyer was calling on behalf of the Colombian government to court over air and water pollution.

Garcia, a Colombian-American teenager, was one of the 25 climate change and water pollution and "incompatible with fundamental rights," because of the "exponential increase in the risk of contagious diseases" caused by Russia's Ukraine action on young people.

The court ordered the government to come up with new provisions that "specify in greater detail the measures to protect the rights guaranteed" by the end of next year, the Colombian Healthcare process the report.

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