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implementing the Human Right to a Clean, Healthy, and Sustainable
Environment****Submitted by The United States****Presented in Kingston, Canada on November 11, 2022***The country of The United States....*

1. *Recalling the initiative of Action towards Climate-Friendly Transport.*
 - a. *This is the largest coalition that is dedicated to make the shift of all transportation modes to zero emissions.*
2. *Recognizing the Commission on Sustainable Development, The efforts of this commission have not been successful. The main argument of this commission was that climate change action requires equal focus across the economic, social, and environmental sectors.*
3. *Acknowledging A Call for Action: Raising Ambition for Climate Adaptation and Resilience.*
 - a. *This organization focuses on ambition and integrating climate risk into imagining the future.*
4. *Recognizing UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). This UN entity helps to facilitate inter-governmental negotiations in order to facilitate the global response to climate change.*
5. *Further recalling on the UNHCR to ensure that the rights of the refugees are respected and protected.*
6. *Recalling the UN's Campaign for Nature. This commission of over 100 conservation organizations aim to implement new deals to protect nature.*

~ Operative Clauses or Articles ~

1. *Implements a lower tax on climate change initiatives. This will incentivize citizens to make environmentally friendly choices. As a similar type of incentive exists for electric vehicles, we think it would be feasible to expand this incentive to include more methods of sustainable development.*
 - a. *Purchasing or leasing an electric vehicle.*
 - b. *Using solar panels as a main source of energy.*
 - c. *Reduced water usage in the household.*
2. *Establishing the Commission for Environmental Awareness to fulfil long-term and long scale solutions. Additionally, it complies with the UN core principles of Integrity and Professionalism.*
 - a. *This commission will help with the goal of giving ECOSOC more authority. In addition, this commission will focus on climate change action in the three sectors: economic, social, and environmental.*
 - b. *Through International cooperation and defined principles, we will aim to pursue our goal. A joint effort from all members of the commission will help to ensure a collaborative approach towards environmental sustainability.*
 - c. *This solution also follows the Charter of the UN as it helps to maintain international security and develops friendly relations among nations.*
3. *Further recommends education and implementation protocols in elementary, middle, and high schools. This can be done with the help of A Call for Action: Raising Ambition for Climate Adaptation and Resilience.*
 - a. *We suggest providing students with reusable water bottles to reduce plastic waste.*
 - b. *We aim for schools to provide students with laptops in order to reduce paper usage.*
 - c. *We will implement a required 20 community service hours that must benefit the environment in some way.*
 - i. *This will promote environmental sustainability and help educate students on their impact on the environment.*
 - d. *We will also implement a mandatory yearly sustainable environment assembly.*
 - i. *This will help to educate students of all ages about ways to reduce waste and help sustain the environment.*
 - ii. *Additionally, this will help to stop climate change denial.*
4. *Further recommends instituting and supporting climate change initiatives in the media. This is crucial to limit climate change denial and partisanship. The UNFCCC can be used to help with this initiative.*

- a. Through the implementation of social media campaigns, hoaxes about climate change will be debunked.*
 - b. Through informing the public over national news broadcasts, public support will be generated.*
- 5. Implements a commission for supporting vulnerable communities' sustainable living. This would be implemented with the help of the UNHCR.*
 - a. This is an essential recommendation as it will help to support vulnerable communities which already have pre-existing human rights related issues. Advocating for international support through economic and social methods will help to provide relief to the communities in need.*
 - b. This commission will have a plan in place to help climate-related refugees by providing them with the economic and social requirements to have a sustainable environment to live in.*
 - c. This recommendation is in support of the one of the UN's core principles of respect for diversity.*
 - d. This recommendation also aligns with the Charter of the UN as it helps to maintain international peace and security, and it follows the ideal of achieving international cooperation in solving international problems.*
- 6. Establishes the creation of the Commission for the Protection of Wildlife and Endangered Species.*
 - a. This commission will focus on the cleaning of oceans and coasts.*
 - b. It will provide methods to monitor over-fishing.*
 - c. It will ensure the protection of endangered species through a collaborative international effort.*
 - d. It will aim to enhance and protect natural resources.*
 - e. It will include a full realization of indigenous rights and land.*
 - f. This commission will run based on the Charter of the UN as it will agrees with the principle of achieving international cooperation in solving international problems.*