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## **Protecting our Vanishing Global Rainforests**

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P5: Acknowledges that 17% of the Amazon Rainforest has been lost to deforestation over the last 50 years, and

P6: Recognizing the World Bank reported that cattle ranching has fueled up to 91% of the Amazon deforestation since 1970, and

P7:Recognizes that deforestation is responsible for 18-25% of global annual earbon emissions, and

P8: Reminding all nations that the Amazon Rainforest makes up 20% of  $O_2$  production and absorbs 25% of the world's  $CO_2$ , and

P9: Keeping in mind that with deforestation comes elimate change, and

P10: Conscious of the fact that most deforested land is not replanted only 20% of Amazon's rainforest land has bounced back, and

P11: Concerned that deforestation increased by 92% from 2019, and

P12: Alarmed that we are close to the tipping point (20-25%), for which there is no natural way to bounce back, for deforestation of the Amazon Rainforest for which there is no return, and

P13: Noting with deep concern the rate at which deforestation is happening, and

P14: Acknowledging Brazil's fault for the deforestation predominantly due to cattle ranching of the Amazon, and

P15: Reminding all nations of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs's Goal 15 "Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss", and

P16: Acknowledging that 1 million plant and animal species are threatened with extinction, and

P17: Recognizing that 28% of the planet's oxygen is generated in rainforests, and

P18: Recognizing from Brazil's national institute for Space Research (INPE), The report was published estimating that 13,235 km<sup>2</sup> (8,224 square miles) of forest was lost between August 2020 and July 2021, increase of 22% from the previous year, and

P19: recognizes that deforestation is responsible for 18-25% of global annual carbon emissions, and

P20: Acknowledging that it is estimated over 1.5 billion tons of carbon dioxide, or 18-25% of total carbon emissions are released into the atmosphere every year due to deforestation, and

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P27: Acknowledges that the indigenous population of the Brazilian Amazon is impacted by deforestation, noting that 45% of intact rainforests house indigenous territories, and

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P:31 Deforestation in the Amazon rainforest surged in 2021, reaching a 15-year high as it emerged that the forest has begun emitting more carbon than it can absorb, and

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P:33 Russia has lost 64 hectares of relative tree cover to a 84% decrease since 2000, and

## Actuating

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A5: The Italian government's law helps with the growth of companies that are involved in forestry as well as providing help with the financial aspects of forestry companies, and

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Eliminating Plastics in Seas and Oceans

### Preambulatory

P1: <u>Bearing in mind</u> Article 194 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which reads, "Article 194 Measures to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the marine environment

1. States shall take, individually or jointly as appropriate, all measures consistent with this Convention that are necessary to prevent, reduce and

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2. States shall take all measures necessary to ensure that activities under their jurisdiction or control are so conducted as not to cause damage by pollution to other States and their environment, and that pollution arising from incidents or activities under their jurisdiction or control does not spread beyond the areas where they exercise sovereign rights in accordance with this Convention.", and

P2: (Moved to Actuating)

P3: Acknowledging approximately 8 million pieces of plastic enter the ocean every day, and

P4: Acknowledging that by the year 2050, there will be more plastic than marine life in our oceans, and

P5: Acknowledges 1 in 3 people worldwide do not have access to fresh and clean drinking water, and

P6: Recognizing that over 100 million marine animals die each year from plastic waste alone, and

P7: Acknowledges at least 14 million tons of plastic out of the 300 million tons of produced plastics, end up in the ocean each year, and

P8: Emphasizing that toxins created by plastic manufacturing can create diseases when dumped into a water supply such as the ocean, and

P9: Acknowledging that most ocean plastics come from areas with higher populations, and

P10: Alarmed at the fact that 13 million metric tons of pollution enter the ocean every year, and

P11: Concerned at the fact that there is estimated to be more plastic than fish in the ocean by year 2050, and

P12: Appreciating the fact that many countries committed to war on plastic and pledged to reduce single-use plastics, and recognizes that countries around the world have introduced

legislation to limit or ban the use of single use plastic to curb the effects of plastic in our oceans, and

P13: Cognizant of the fact that the amount of plastic is expected double by 2030 and the plastic in our oceans is expected to triple by 2040, and

P14: Considering that plastic found in oceans not only harms sea life but also has detrimental affects on the human population, and

P15: Acknowledges that the Great Pacific Garbage Patch is 1.6 million square kilometers and is a threat to sea life, and

P16: Acknowledges that when humans are exposed to, or ingest plastics and microplastics, detrimental impacts such as cancer, apoptosis, and cardiovascular disease are common, and

P17: Recognizing that plastics are non-biodegradable and cause a burden to the environment, and

P18: Recognize that marine pollution occurs when substances used or spread by humans enter the ocean and cause harmful effects there, and

P19: Recognize that plastics and oil spills, in the ocean are contributing a lot to the ocean pollution, and

P20: Declaring that pollution is defined as the introduction of harmful materials into the environment, and

P21: Acknowledge that more than 3.5 billion people (about 44%) rely on oceans for their primary food. However, more than half of the world's sea turtles and nearly every sea bird has consumed plastic within their lifetime, and plastic debris injures and kills fish, seabirds, and marine animals, at least 267 species are impacted ultimately reducing access to proper food sources for people around the world, and

P22: Recognizing that seas and oceans need to be protected, and if we lose sight of the power of our oceans and seas, we will lose around 1 million species, suffer economically, and experience negative effects concerning global warming, and

P23: Acknowledging that plastic makes up 80% of all marine debris found from surface waters to deep sea sediments, and

P24: acknowledging that pollution in seas contributes to climate change, and

**P25**: **Moved to A 36** 

P26: Recognize that the ocean being polluted also effects the sea and wildlife greatly, and

P27: Combined with P21

P28: Define plastics as a wide range of synthetic or semi-synthetic materials that use polymers as the main ingredient, and

P29: Over 300 million tons of plastic are produced every year, half of which is used to create single-use items such as shopping bags, cups and straws. If discarded improperly, plastic waste can harm the environment and biodiversity, and

P30: States that the ocean contributes \$1.5 trillion to the global economy annually, through fishing, transportation, and tourism, and

P31: (Moved to actuating)

P32: Acknowledges that 11 million tons of plastic flows annually into the world's oceans, and

P33: Acknowledges that the ocean is the biggest biosphere on earth, accounting for 50-80% of all life on earth, and

P34: Deeply disturbed that, at the current rate of ocean pollution, there will be more plastic than marine life in the ocean by 2050, and

P35: recognizing that according to the UN 13,000,000 tonnes of plastic leak into the ocean each year, and

P36: Noting that plastic makes up 80% of all marine debris found from surface waters to deep sea sediments, and

P37: acknowledge that the plastic in our oceans is detrimental to the health of marine life, and

P38: Declaring plastic as a synthetic and semi-synthetic polymer that can be molded when it's soft and becomes rigid and slightly elastic once it hardens, and

P39: Acknowledging, The Ocean Cleanup is a non-profit organization developing and scaling technologies to rid the oceans of plastics, and

P40: Combined with P13.

P41: Recognizing that half of annual plastic production is designed for single-use products, and

P42: Concerned that 91% of plastic is not recycled, and

P43: Acknowledge that solid waste legislation is attempting to decrease the mass usage of single-waste plastic, and

P44. Combined with P12

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P46: Recognize the effects of plastic pollution on ocean biodiversity, and

P47: Recognize that many countries lack plastic refineries and are incapable of at current acquiring them and therefore said states should not be blamed, and

P48: The human body is vulnerable to plastics which are ingested through scafoods, drinks, and salt, and

P49: Acknowledging that plastics are found on shorelines of every continent, and

P50: Recognizing many countries lack the infrastructure to prevent plastic pollution such as: sanitary landfills, incineration facilities, recycling capacity and circular economy infrastructure, proper management and disposal of waste systems, and

P51: Acknowledge that plastics and microplastics are now ubiquitous in the natural environment, even given the name "plastisphere" to the new marine habitat, and

P52: Alarmed that studies have found that 90% of ocean species have ingested some form of plastic and that it is estimated to be 99% by 2050, and

P53: Combined with A9

P54: Concerned that 1 in 3 fish caught for human consumption contains plastic, and

### Actuating

- A1: Suggests to ban all plastic straws worldwide, and
- A2: Demands everyone knows Jerry is the best, and
- A3: urges UN members to immediately take action against water pollution in countries that suffer from high water stress such as economic aid, and
- A4: Recommends that all nations impose limits on the usage of plastics, and
- A5: Recommends that all ECOSOC nations join the Clean Seas Campaign, and
- A6: Calls upon all nations to limit the production of products that contain microplastics, and
- A7: Calls upon all member nations to phase out the usage of throwaway plastics by 2030, and
- A8: Encourages the development of goals that will help reduce plastic in our oceans for all member nations of ECOSOC, and
- A9: Forge an international legally binding agreement to cut production of single use plastic by 25% set to finish in 2026, and Remembering that The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee aims to complete a legally binding agreement by the end of 2024 that would reflect plans to diversely address and redesign reusable and recyclable products and materials, and
- A10: Requests that in all international shipping trading, and airfare ports eliminate single-use plastics during operations, and
- A11: Requires a charge for a plastic bags worldwide to limit the use, and
- A12: Calls upon big contributing countries to plastic in the ocean to help clean it up, by sending funds or support, and
- A13: Calls upon a committee to focus on fixing the problem of oil spills in the oceans, and

A14: Set a research team from around the world to make something similar to single-use plastics, that doesn't affect the oceans in any bad way, that allows companies to have plastic-free packaging by 2040, and

A15: Set a goal for each UN country to recycle a minimum of 20% of single-use plastics by 2028, and

A16: Encourages UN member states to ban daily use plastics, and

A17: Encourages UN member states to progress their reduction of ocean pollution in the way leaders see best fit, and

A18: Suggests that member states find ways to reduce single use plastics within their countries, and

A19: Endorses an international plan to create a circular economy for plastics, meaning creating a model in which the outcome for plastic packaging - such as if it goes to recycling or landfill - is considered at the outset of production and design, and

A20: Calls upon all member nations to ban the production of products that contain microplastics, and

A21: Calls upon introducing the principle of circular economy when designing products for consumer that focus on negative product life cycles, and

A22: Calls upon extended-producer responsibility programs in order to hold manufacturers of plastic products accountable, and

A23: Recommends to Drain the ocean and fill it with landfill waste, and

A24: certain water supplies should not be cleaned of their plastic pollutants, as certain waters (such as the Dead Sea) directly help support militant terrorist organizations, and

A25: Encourages recycling refinery companies to enter countries which have few to none with monetary incentives, and

A26: Calls to all countries to form a partnership of nonprofits to save sea or wildlife that have been affected by ocean pollution, and

A27: Calls upon legislations that set product standards on material composition, reusability, recoverability, biodegradability and ensuring products can be composted as design criteria for sustainability, and

A28: Demands no help is needed to sea turtles, and

A29: Encourages members of the UN to spread awareness about ocean pollution, and

A30: Urges UN members to reduce annual metric tons of plastic by a certain percentage that depends on the country's current metric tons of plastic by the year 2027, and

A31: Combined with A14

A32: Urges to ban and criminalize single use plastic, and

A33: A tax is placed on single use plastic production, and

A34: Calls upon the Ocean Cleanup Project to implement systems in the Mediterranean Sea and the Arabian Sea, and

A35: Encouraging neighboring countries with similar problems with plastic pollution to form regional bodies, and

A36: Encouraging 30x30 plan that aims to conserve, connect, and restore at least 30% of the planets land and water by 2030, and

A37: Calling all countries to implement a tax on private companies dumping plastic in the ocean, and

A38: Calls on UN member states to encourage the use of reusable appliances within their respective countries, and

A39: Encourages all UN member states to abide by the legal framework found in UNCLOS, and

A40: Calls upon the members of the UN to pass legislation limit single-use plastics in our occans, and

A41: The UN should openly encourage and if possible financing support efforts by better off countries to build plastic recycling centers in regions incapable of doing so on their own, and also water cleaning infrastructure should be invested in, and

A42:calls on UN members to encourage recycling within their respective countries, and