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Special Session**Proposal of Recommendations for ECOSOC Plan of Action for
implementing the Human Right to a Clean, Healthy, and Sustainable
Environment****Submitted by Tunisia****Presented in Kingston, Canada on November 11, 2022***The country of Tunisia...*

1. *Deeply Concerned* with the effects of climate change, especially as a nation that has an overwhelming majority of its infrastructure on its coast.
2. *Recalling*;
 - a) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change of 15 July, 1993;
 - b) Kyoto Protocol of 20 December, 2003;
 - c) Copenhagen Accord of 18 December, 2009;
 - d) the Paris Agreement of 12 December, 2015;
 - e) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 2015.
3. *Alarmed by the findings*;
 - a) Climate Plans as they stand will warm the world by more than the goal of 1.5 degrees Celsius by the end of the century, and that the world is on track for 2.5 degrees Celsius.¹

¹ United Nations, "Climate Plans Remain Insufficient: More Ambitious Action Needed Now". *United Nations Climate Change*. (October 26, 2022).

<https://unfccc.int/news/climate-plans-remain-insufficient-more-ambitious-action-needed-now>

- b) War in Ukraine has impacted Tunisia disproportionately, skewing the country towards food insecurity. 60% of soft wheat and 66% of barley in the nation are imported from Russia and Ukraine. ²
- 4. *Heeds the Call* of Secretary-General Dr. Liu to “Together, let us make the decisions, form the partnerships, find the innovation, and take the actions needed to get the SDGs back on track.”³

Recommendations

1. *Urges the United Nations* to tackle water scarcity within Western African communities, and the world.
2. *Endorses* the development of schools within Arab communities to;
 - a. all have clean drinking water and healthy lunches provided to students to ensure all students up to age 16 can have their nutritional needs met, reducing food insecurity;
 - b. Include environmental education for all ages.
3. *Requests* the Western African and Arab community assist other states in our community to;
 - a. provide technical assistance to provide regional consensus and unity regarding a clean and healthy environment;
 - b. Increase trade of agricultural resources between members of this community;
 - c. Assist in erosion control.
4. *Further Recommends* that the burden of meeting global 2030 goals are shared between nations. Despite contributing less to pollution and climate change, smaller countries are disproportionately impacted by raising temperature and water levels. If richer nations that are not made to care about this issue or face no consequences, they may continue to contribute towards climate change and not stay true to their word at the expense of smaller nations who cannot do more than they already are.
5. *Endorses* the support of Ukrainian sovereignty and attempts to end the invasion by Russia.

² The World Bank. “New World Bank Project Addresses Food Security Challenges in Tunisia” World Bank. (June 28, 2022).
<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2022/06/28/new-world-bank-project-addresses-food-security-challenges-in-tunisia>.

³ Fang Liu, “Statement at Introduction of Secretary-General Progress Report on the SDGs High-level Political Forum,” *United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs*. (July 5, 2022).
<https://www.un.org/en/desa/statement-introduction-secretary-general-progress-report-sdgs-hlplf>