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QUESTION OF : **DEVISING REALISTIC MEASURES TO PROTECT SEAS AND OCEANS**

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by the fact that overfishing is draining the marine life of our waters,

Fully aware of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch in our oceans, which is growing in size,

Bearing in mind that climate change is quickly becoming a major threat to marine species and can eventually cause extinction of various aquatic animals,

Recalling that chemicals are being washed into the sea, leading to marine pollution and other deadly consequences,

Taking into consideration that coral reefs have been facing many threats notably due to climate change, coral mining, dynamite fishing activities and plastic consumption,

Keeping in mind that deforestation of mangroves as main source of wood for charcoal results in critical harm to the environment,

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1. Condemns the use of single-use petroleum based plastics while proposing the use of other alternatives;
2. Encourages the creation and improvement of new technology to better our marine ecosystem;
3. Requests governments across the world to implement policies pertaining to the protection of seas and oceans;
4. Recommends more laws to be passed by the government to reduce marine degradation;
5. Stresses on the need to set up local organizations to protect the seas and oceans and sensitize citizens on the importance of the marine resources through awareness campaigns;
6. Recommends for a more environmentally responsible and controlled development across the tourism industry, building clear standards for activities undertaken, in order to protect wildlife pertaining to the oceans;
7. Further requests that fishing gears and nets be made of biodegradable materials to avoid long run negative impacts on the marine environment;
8. Calls upon external help from the organizations like the World Bank and IMF and developed countries to finance programmes such as recycling, trash removal, wastewater treatment among others especially in developing countries;
9. Applauds Non-Governmental Organisations which are controlling and reducing the dire effects of environmental degradation through execution of projects aimed at the protection and conservation of the environment;

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10. Further recommends the restoration of the stocks by establishing a no fishing period until it reaches a level of maximum sustainable yield from fishing;

11. Requests proper disposal of hazardous materials and stern controls over chemicals and agricultural waste which can lead to devastating effects in the sea;

12. Draws attention to the phenomenon of Global Warming whose nefarious effects need to be combated by each member state through eco-friendly ways of development in line with SDG 14;

13. Expresses its appreciation to The Nature Conservancy which has been planting mangroves to reduce erosion and decrease sedimentation issues and while requesting the setting up of mangrove nurseries;

14. Expresses its appreciation that the WWF is working together with governments, research institutes and international NGOs, to create more Marine Protected Areas in high seas;

15. Appeals for a global ban on items exploiting marine life and having catastrophic consequences on oceans and wildlife.