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QUESTION OF: **DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL POLICIES IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING THE GLOBAL RESPONSE TO THE THREAT OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by the fact that the melting of glaciers is causing an 8 inch rise in the sea level, thus threatening marine ecosystems and coastal regions,

Noting with regret that within the last 200 years, human activity has increased the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by around 40% which is making oceans warmer and more acidic, threatening the survival of marine life,

Noting with deep concern that ever since the rise in global temperature in the past decades, the agricultural industry has become more volatile resulting in food insecurity, rise in cost and incrementing risk of poverty and hunger,

Deeply disturbed by the fact that 300,000 deaths and about \$125 billion in economic losses have been reported every year because countries favour national interests,

Declaring that only 186 out of 196 UNFCCC member states have become party to the Paris Climate Agreement and hence the need to strengthen its role,

1. Appreciates the integration of a federal carbon tax that allows the private sector to decrease costs as well as benefit the environment in the process;

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2. Encourages the setting up of a goal (Strategic and Action Plan) whose aim is to achieve climate resilient development and pursue a low-carbon development pathway as well as fostering the transition to zero waste communities by 2030 to support inclusive and sustainable development;

3. Recognizes the need to harness renewable energy resources, for instance low cost biomass, that produce no greenhouse gas emissions to replace fossil fuels in petrochemical industries;

4. Invites the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to deliver a series of water safety training modules to local communities and provide technical support to governments to help meet the challenge of ensuring clean and safe water supplies to cyclone-affected areas;

5. Supports the idea of geo-engineering including marine cloud brightening to focus on the elimination of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere;

6. Directs member states to fully implement consumer education in order to expand minimalist lifestyle so as to reduce overconsumption and change habits in the long-term, to foster better understanding of and ability to address climate change;

7. Recommends the creation of a platform which annually reunites world leaders and entities in politics, business and popular culture to strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of policies;

8. Further recommends the conduct of workshops for all employees, educational institutions and especially people in rural areas to sensitize them about climate change and its detrimental impacts that directly affect them along with the proposal of possible solutions;

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9. Welcomes fundraising activities to help alleviate the cost of any environmentally friendly changes that might be necessary and help organizations such as the WFF and Algalita that are raising awareness and organizing activities in order to decrease ecological footprint worldwide;

10. Urges the IPCC, UN agencies and other organizations such as Green Climate Fund to develop and amend new and clear policies in order to encourage companies and member states to abide by these rules, regulations and laws;

11. Applauds the strategy of scientists to sustain advancements in producing zero-emission fuel cells for transportation and electricity;

12. Endorses the strengthening of climate change related institutional and policy environment through sharing of technical knowledge and best practice, training and institutional support and additionally the promotion of evidence-based planning and policy making through pilot integration of climate change;

13. Applauds countries for the implementation of a Sustainable Mobility Plan which encourages the sustainability and the protection of the environment while catering for the physical health of the citizens;

14. Notes with satisfaction the effort undertaken by states in accordance with the Paris Agreement;

15. Demands that climate change be officially recognized as a threat to international peace and security;

16. Emphasizes the need of more media coverage concerning awareness raising and the human and institutional capacity to improve mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning concerning climate change and its devastating consequences.