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QUESTION OF: **CONSERVING AND SUSTAINABLY USING THE OCEANS,
SEA AND MARINE RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

The General Assembly,

Greatly concerned by the escalating absorbing rate of carbon dioxide in the oceans due to global warming which results in coral bleaching, ocean acidification and dead zones,

Fully aware about the depletion and exhaustion of natural marine resources due to overfishing and by-catch which sums up to 3 million tons per year,

Grieved by the fact that in almost every part of the of the world, oceans are still considered as dumping grounds for plastic, toxic chemicals, and untreated or inadequately treated raw sewage, municipal, industrial, and agricultural waters,

Alarmed by the sudden increase in the flow of tourists globally which has led to a rise in both sea-based and land-based activities which contribute to about 80% of marine pollution,

Deeply disturbed by the fact that nearly all countries still make use of unsustainable fishing gears and methods,

Alarmed by the fact that the relentless melting of ice caps will lead to rising sea levels and beach erosion which may cause some islands to disappear and threaten marine life,

Deploring that the world's fish stocks are jeopardized by both intensive legal and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing,

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1. Calls upon governments to put a ban, to highly tax or to put quotas on the use of plastic to reduce wastes;

2. Requests the implementation of harmless and environmentally friendly fishing gears and methods that will catch only targeted adult fish;

3. Invites member states to consider new booms and skimmers to collect maximum oil spills;

4. Acknowledges its responsibility for consistent monitoring and controlling of fishing industries and activities to reduce illegal fishing and providing financial assistance to sustainable fisheries;

5. Recommends the construction of efficient and effective drainage and purification systems and major improvements in existing ones to restrict waste water flow directly in natural water systems;

6. Urges governments to reinforce the laws or take important measures against hotels not abiding by the rules;

7. Encourages the adoption of Ecotourism standards and best practices to create awareness towards maximizing its environmental and economic benefits while minimizing ecological damage and disruption of local communities;

8. Recommends the use of organic fertilizers to reduce the damaging effects of toxic runoff from synthetic fertilizers on marine ecosystems;

9. Demands that states which have ratified the Cop 21 Paris Agreement enforce the terms therein by switching to clean energy to protect our oceans from global warming;

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10. Urges governments, national and international NGOs and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to raise awareness wave on marine pollution, on the importance of marine resources and also to make current and future citizens ocean literate;

11. Strongly condemns all human actions and businesses whose practices and operations cause deterioration of marine life and resources as well as generate waste and pollution;

12. Suggests governments around the globe to implement quotas on the number of ships entering a particular destination so as to reduce oil spills and control the flow of tourists and sea related tourist activities;

13. Calls upon the Marine Stewardship Council to enforce stringent regulations and use its ecolabel to license its products and fishery certification program and to contribute to sustainable fishing practices;

14. Encourages the setting up of more organizations like the Aquaculture Stewardship Council for the promotion and certification of aquaculture thereby conserving marine resources for future generations.