FORUM: ECOSOC
QUESTION OF: Measures to reduce non-biodegradable waste
MAIN SUBMITTER: Italy
CO-SUBMITTERS:
SIGNATORIES:

Extremely concerned with how much plastic the world produces each day;

Keeping in mind that the economy should be harmed the least possible;

Reminding delegates that 86% of the world's plastic waste goes to landfills or oceans;

Noticing that many marine life animals will die, and there will no longer be any fish for food;

1. Authorizes companies to replace plastic bags and packaging with biodegradable materials such as but not limited to:
    a. Recycled cardboard and paper,
    b. Agave,
    c. Milk protein,
    d. Liquid wood,
    e. Biodegradable polyesters,
    f. Banana plastics;

2. Further request member states to support the use of items and business to reintroduce the use of packaging such as but not limited to:
    a. Glass bottles for water, soda packaging,
    b. Paper or cloth bags for daily grocery shopping,
    c. Wood for one use cutlery,
    d. Ceramic for plates,
    e. Bamboo for toothbrushes, straws and plates;

3. Invites countries to station plastic containers that pay citizens who use them;
    a. These containers will be for citizens to throw away their plastic waste for recycling purposes,
    b. They will be located around the cities,
    c. The plastics collected from these containers will be recycled and reused,
    d. These containers will be made out of biodegradable materials,
    e. The container will give 17 cents manat (10 cents USD) to the person for each piece of plastic recycled,
    f. One container per 500 citizens;

4. Requests any product composed of plastic to increase its price while biodegradable materials to decrease its price:
    a. This would imply just switching the two options, giving way to the biodegradable plastics to be cheaper instead of the plastic, since there will be more demand for the biodegradable option;

5. Strongly encourages the banning of:
   free plastic bags in stores and to use paper bags and to stop producing plastic cutlery and plastic bags;
    a. Start producing more paper bags,
    b. Cutlery can be made out of wood or wheat,

6. Supports the banning of all plastic straws:
    a. Replacing plastic straws with metal, paper straws or agave straws;

7. Encourages MEDCs to help LEDCs by, but not limited to:
    a. Shipping their biodegradable materials for free,
    b. Donating plastic containers,
    c. Establishing organizations to recycle plastic in LEDCs;

8. Supports the creation of more ocean plastic cleanup organizations as well as supporting the ones already established;

9. Demands all countries to educate in schools on the importance of reducing the use of plastic, this can be done by but not limited to:
    a. Implementing small talks and activities to raise awareness in schools:
        i. Environmental activists to give ted talks,
        ii. Schools volunteering to clean up local beaches;

10. Calls upon the creation of the UNGCC:
    a. This committee will have a delegation of UN environmental professionals of each country;
    b. Each delegation will state annually how much garbage the countries are producing:
        i. For ever 10 tonnes of plastic garbage, each country will have to send a boat,
        ii. For every 30% increment from the previous year

11. Supports the economic adaptation of this resolution to the yearly income of each LEDC.