United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)

Topic: "Combating Plastic Pollution to Safeguard Global Ecosystems."

Sponsors: Belize, Federative Republic of Brazil, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Kenya.

The United Nations Environment Program,

Alarmed by the pollution of waterways,

Concerned that animals are dying due to pollution,

Noting with concern that sea creatures are being killed,

Recognizing that plastic pollution chokes marine wildlife, damages soil, poisons groundwater, and can cause serious health impacts,

Aware that plastic pollution can alter habitats and natural processes,

- 1. Encourages reusing plastic for future uses;
- 2. *Calls for* the creation of a program to teach people the three Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and to generate funds from plastic products;
- 3. Recommends replacing more plastic products with environmentally friendly alternatives;
- 4. *Urges* the reduction of plastic bottle usage to prevent pollution in water, including printing posters to educate others on waste reduction and reuse;
- 5. Supports limiting the production of plastic products by factories annually and restricting plastic imports;
- 6. Advocates recycling all produced plastics;
- 7. Proposes a gradual ban of plastics while taxing the remaining ones;
- 8. Promotes the use of a circular economy to reduce plastics entering waterways;
- 9. Calls for a ban on single-use plastics, allowing the continued use of reusable plastics;
- 10. *Encourages* the avoidance of excessive packaging;
- 11. *Urges* the prevention of plastic disposal in natural environments;
- 12. Recommends banning the disposal of plastics in oceans by both factories and individuals;
- 13. Supports the creation of an environmentally friendly material similar to plastic;
- 14. Calls for a ban on microbeads.