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Agenda Items: Assessing the Current State of the Climate Crisis and Environmental Problems Regarding Cities 

Agenda Item 1) Assessing the Current State of the Climate Crisis

It is known that the Earth’s climate has been warming up for a long time, which has significantly increased its rate, roughly by 2-degree Fahrenheit in average globally, after the industrial development [1]. As this issue is becoming a more urgent problem to be addressed, actions to cope with the increasing temperatures and changes in the climate is still being taken.

The French Republic recognizes the importance of the current climate crisis globally and believes the significance of ongoing and present contributions done to tackle the issue. We aim to reach net zero emissions by 2050, which we have already taken steps to speed up the process. With our support, devotion, and significant role in the ratification of the Paris Agreement, we hope for 100% alignment with it. We have prioritized its implementation worldwide, investing €6 billion annually and even exceeding our budget, to organizations like “Green Climate Fund”, projects brought to our recognition, developing countries trying to tackle the issue and more. NGOs based in France, for instance “Friends of the Earth France”, “World Organization for the Protection of the Environment” or “FRENE”, are trying to increase the variety of perspectives and approaches to solving climate crisis. “Fit for 55”, EU’s plan for a greener future, has been implemented by us as it aligns with our future goals in the field. As we highly solicitude the importance to acknowledge the problem of the current climate crisis, the French society shows significant level of concern to the issue with the rate of 87%.

Proposed solutions for the current climate crisis include: using hardly any fossil fuels, decreasing the greenhouse gas emission ad much as possible, investing and converting into green life technologies, being aware of the current state and future possibilities of the problem and etc.

Agenda Item 2) Environmental Problems Regarding Cities

With urban migration rates rising every day, reaching 3.5 per cent globally, it is known that this movement is often targeted to developed cities. Population increasing in cities stimulates environmental problems such as automobile exhaust elevating lead levels in air, uncollected waste causing health hazards and pollution, factories and mass production causing greenhouse gas emissions etc.

As the Republic of France, we are aware of the issues caused by urbanized cities worldwide. Our concern about intensifying pollution rates, obstacles faced when waste disposing, loss of biodiversity, deforestation, and global warming; has led us to increase our significance on superintendence of these issues. As the host of COP21 and the Paris Agreement, we have seen improvements in reduced greenhouse gas emissions, better urban-wastewater treatment and more. Carbon emissions has been recognized as we are aiming to reduce carbon emissions by 75% and cutting total energy usage in our country in half, shifting the other to renewable energy; stating our seriousness regarding to the topic. In 2015 we have registered a law requiring all new commercial buildings in the country to partially cover their roofs with plants or solar panels. Nuclear power supplies around 80% of our need for electricity. We are promoting cities like Nice to accommodate green environment more in our country.

Coping with such problems caused by city life may include switching to renewable energy as much as possible, trying to distribute opportunities in cities to the country in hopes of slowing down the mass migration to them, using ecofriendly transport and architecture, creating law enforcements regarding the issue, having a budget to invest and cope with the instance and educating the public about the problem.

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