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France, located in Western Europe, is bordered by countries like Belgium, Germany, Italy, and Spain, as well as the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. With a population of 68 million in 2024, most reside in urban areas, including its capital, Paris. France has a developed education system, free and compulsory from ages 3 to 16, and hosts renowned institutions like the Sorbonne. As the world’s 7th-largest economy with a GDP of $3.9 trillion, key sectors include tourism, agriculture, luxury goods, and nuclear energy. Known for its universal healthcare, labor protections, and cultural heritage, France offers a high standard of living despite some income inequality.France also plays a significant role in international politics.

As a global leader in environmental protection, France has implemented progressive policies to combat plastic pollution. Initiatives such as the *Anti-Waste Law for a Circular Economy* and the ban on single-use plastics demonstrate France’s commitment to reducing plastic waste at its source (Ministry for the Ecological Transition, 2020). Moreover, France actively supports international agreements like the Global Plastics Treaty and promotes innovative solutions such as the development of biodegradable materials and enhanced recycling systems. These efforts reflect France’s dedication to sustainable development and its willingness to collaborate with other nations to tackle this pressing issue.

France firmly believes that global cooperation is key to solving marine plastic pollution. The delegation calls for improved waste management systems worldwide, particularly in developing nations, through financial and technical support. Furthermore, international regulations should be strengthened to monitor and reduce sea-based pollution, with accountability mechanisms for industries and nations involved. France invites all member states to engage in a constructive dialogue to address the sources of marine plastic pollution and work collectively towards a cleaner and healthier ocean for future generations (UNEP, 2022).

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