

United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)

Topic: “Combating Plastic Pollution to Safeguard Global Ecosystems.”

Sponsors: Malaysia, Republic of Angola, Republic of Namibia, Republic of Peru, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The United Nations Environment Program,

Acknowledging the threat of plastic pollution on our ecosystems, and the health of our people,

Emphasizing the importance of mitigating plastic production,

Having examined that about 8 million tons of plastic enter the world’s oceans every year,

Noting with concern that only 7% of plastic produced is recycled,

Taking into consideration that 99% of sea birds will be eating plastic by 2050,

1. *Urges* funding efforts to create new alternatives to plastic, with money taken from countries that use the most plastic, inspiring those countries to lower their plastic usage. Examples of alternatives include bioplastic, PHA, and jute, with more to come;
2. *Calls upon* the implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), which holds producers accountable for the costs of managing the waste their products produce;
3. *Promotes* the establishment of a global fund to support developing countries in their efforts to reduce plastic pollution by focusing on improving waste management infrastructure, promoting innovation for sustainable alternatives, and raising public awareness;
4. *Strongly encourages* additional taxes on plastic products to reduce the amount of plastic produced. The extra taxes may be used for further funding for recycling and clean-up efforts to reduce the harm of plastics.