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UNDP: Sustainable Development Goals

Hey everyone my name is Will Pless and I am very excited to be your head chair for UNDP this year at the Mission Viejo High School Conference. I'm currently a junior at Mission and have been doing MUN since sophomore year. At Mission I'm also involved with Mock Trial and a few clubs. Outside of school I love to skate and hang out with friends. It's going to be great meeting you all and I'm looking forward to have a great, fun committee this year!

I. Background

Sustainable development goals consist of about seventeen distinctly different branches. These are no poverty, zero hunger, good health/well-being, quality education, gender equality, clean water/sanitation, affordable/clean energy, decent work/economic growth, industry/innovation/infrastructure, reduced inequalities, sustainable cities/communities, responsible consumption/production, climate action, life below water, life on land, peace/justice/strong institutions, and partnerships for the goals. These goals are set to be met within the next fifteen years, therefore, "changing the world." Some countries, including Japan and UK, disagree that some of these goals are necessary. These seventeen SDGs took action in early 2016, and have a deadline of 2030. They are a universal call to end poverty, so that everyone can enjoy hope and peace.

II. UN Involvement

Including proposing these goals, the UN has done many things to put these goals into action. They set deadlines and are very serious in making these SDGs happen. The secretary general stated that things are off to a good start. He has faith that these goals will be met by 2030. The UNDP has called upon every UN branch to help with meeting the seventeen goals. The secretary general has gotten 178 countries to sign for the ratification of the Paris agreement. The remaining 19 countries have little to do with greenhouse gas emissions. The UN is trying their best to successfully meet these seventeen goals.

III. Possible Solutions

Possible solutions for SDGs are to focus on one at a time. Focusing on two more at once could eventually make it all fall through. Focusing on just one will cause every SDG to come out even more successful than before. Also, other parts of the UN could get involved. This could get the SDGs done sooner, maybe even ten years. Getting more people involved will help the course of the SDGs go a lot smoother. Another solution is the use of MDGs. MDGs can help with time management and knowing when to start on another goal. These solutions are great for Sustainable Development Goals.



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IV. Country Bloc Positions

African: The UNDP has taken into account the needs of Africa. They made the Common African Position (CAP) in order to help Africa regain their use of MDGs and SDGs.

Western: Western countries believe that SDGs are senseless and won't do anything for next generations' Earth. They believe that these goals are worthless and unsustainable.

Asian/Pacific: Asia and the Pacific is home to a vast majority of the world's population and is greatly affected by the SDGs. They believe that these goals are indeed going to make a difference and that other countries should pitch in their fair share.

European: The EU has greatly affected the SDGs. They helped make the 2030 Agenda and gathered in-depth research to help with these goals.

Middle Eastern: Since SDGs involve refugees, the middle-east has seen these SDGs and is rather neutral about them.

V. Questions to Consider

How is your country dealing with STGs?

Does your country want to take in the use of STGs? Or would your country rather disregard them?

How big of an impact will the 2030 Agenda have on your country?

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