

Committee: Economic and Financial

Sponsor: Cote d'Ivoire

Topic: Deforestation

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that deforestation is rapidly increasing,

Emphasizing that agriculture plays a vital role in the economy of many developing countries, the agriculture industry contributes to over 50 percent of Côte d'Ivoire's GDP,

Emphasizing trees are vital to fertilize soil and contribute to water balance for agriculture,

Stressing that deforestation contributes to the adverse impacts of global climate change,

1. Calls upon countries to create agencies for environmental protection;
2. Further recommends countries to reserve a certain percentage of money to fund environmental protection agencies;
3. Supports placing a higher tax on non-recycled paper and wood items that have caused damage to the environment;
4. Encourages creating governmental educational programs to inform the public on how they can help reduce deforestation;
5. Requests better management of the international trade market to stop illegal logging which is largely unregulated and is a multi-million dollar industry;
6. Urges the enforcement of laws against excessive cutting down of trees;
7. Encourages countries to use more sustainable farming practices to increase reforestation rates.