



Topic: Poverty and the Environment

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- 1 THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME,
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3 HAVING CONSIDERED the definition of poverty as living at or below subsistence
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6 HAVING CONSIDERED the dire need for improvement in less developed regions where
7 people do not have access to basic needs, such as clean water and food, the United
8 Nations Environment Programme recognizes a need to implement changes,
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10 RECOGNIZING the role of sustainable agriculture in reaching subsistence for
11 impoverished regions,
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13 RECALLING also the Johannesburg Declaration and Plan of Action which emphasizes
14 altering unsustainable patterns of production and consumption,
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16 ADDITIONALLY RECOGNIZING the existing importance of the Convention to
17 Combat Desertification and to develop sustainable agriculture,
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19 REAFFIRMING the Millennium Development Goals of 1 and 2 which address the need
20 and want to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger and create an opportunity and
21 imperative to create sustainable livelihood with special consideration of the Millennium
22 Development Goal 7 to ensure future environmental sustainability,
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24 1. PROVIDES education as it directly applies to sustainable growth outside of and
25 in addition to individual states and communities independent from external
26 humanitarian support;
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28 2. ENDORSES the creation of standards and methods that would enable
29 governments to implement grassroots education programs as well as evaluate and
30 analyze the progress of such initiatives toward sustainable, green agriculture;
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32 3. CALLS UPON specific countries that face extreme poverty, as well as the
33 international community, to work with the individual Member States' Poverty
34 Environment Initiatives to develop more and better grassroots education programs
35 within the peoples and communities of individual Member States in regard
36 specifically to creating a sustainable environment through methods of soil and
37 water conservation, along with the expansion and evaluation of preexisting
38 programs to ensure the best possible solutions for addressing these concerns;

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4. **STRONGLY RECOMMENDS** increased funding for the specific purpose of controlling the problems of desertification, which is to be used for the specific purpose of working within affected regions to develop the best plan to combat their individualized causes of desertification;
5. **CALLS UPON** a provision of basic environmentally sound technologies for the nations with the greatest need of stronger agriculture using means, such as providing higher yielding seeds and other similar support;
6. **DRAWS ATTENTION** to the incentive of sustainable income outside of external forces including but not limited to non-governmental organizations, humanitarian bodies, and direct government assistance.