



Topic: Energy and the Environment

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- 1 FULLY AWARE that global energy demand is expected to rise 45 per cent by 2030 as
2 stated in the United Nations Environment Programme’s Global Environment Outlook
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5 SUPPORTING the Kyoto Protocol and its goal of stabilizing greenhouse gas
6 concentrations in the atmosphere,
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8 UPHOLDING the principles of the Johannesburg Declaration and Plan of Action and its
9 purpose of expanding access to affordable, environmentally sound energy sources for
10 development,
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12 AWARE OF the successes of non-governmental organizations, such as the Energy
13 Efficiency Coalition, in empowering stakeholders in various countries,
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15 NOTING WITH SATISFACTION by the success of existing local programs such as
16 micro-hydroelectric power projects throughout the African continent,
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18 REALIZING that many developed and developing nations depend upon non-renewable
19 resources, such as oil and coal, to generate revenue to develop and maintain strong
20 economies,
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22 BEARING IN MIND the lack of a unified indicator to measure both economic growth
23 and its impact on the environment and the challenge this poses to the assessment of actual
24 growth of certain countries,
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26 RECOGNIZING that sustainable development requires both short term economic
27 progress and long term environmental protection and that neither should be neglected at
28 the expense of the other,
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30 1. URGES member states and the international community to consider the creation
31 of new or transformation of existing energy programs into renewable energy
32 within the capacity of each state;
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34 2. ENCOURAGES research on the establishment of an international energy market
35 which will allow states with an abundance of energy resources to exchange excess
36 energy with other countries;
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3. INVITES states to seek renewable resources as a long term goal for sustainable development by utilizing existing establishments such as the Rural Energy Enterprise Development Initiative and the Solar and Wind Energy Resource Assessment;
 4. REQUESTS the reformation of the Human Development Index to take into account environmental impacts when assessing country growth, with the purpose of recognizing those states that have experienced impressive economic advancement while adhering to sustainable energy practices.