



Background paper

Committee: United Nations Environment Programme

Topic: Air Pollution and its Risk to Human Health

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Air pollution is the worst type of pollution and with this, it's a serious problem in many countries around the world that needs to be stopped. Air pollution is the contamination of the environment by any chemical that modifies the natural characteristics of the atmosphere. No matter where a person lives, they are being exposed to this type of pollution. Being exposed to air pollution can affect people's health, and could be short or long-term. This toxic air pollutant can cause many diseases, the most extreme being breathing problems and lung diseases. Air pollution is responsible for approximately 7 million deaths per year. That is one of the many reasons why we need to address this problem.

Air pollution as a problem, started between the years 1820 and 1840 when Great Britain, the United States, and some other European countries raised their mechanized factory system, chemical manufacturing, and other things. Most of these things needed coal or iron so industrialization created massive consequences for the environment. Expanding new factories raised the need for coal and raised the levels of air pollution in many of these countries. Another major factor was the growing population because of burning coal and cooking.

Pollution can come from many everyday things we use such as vehicles, smoke, road dust, industrial factories, pollen, chemicals used in homes, and other sources. These are just some of the many things we use that can cause air pollution to increase even more. The pollutants that damage in great manners humans health and can come along with carbon

monoxide, ozone, nitrogen dioxide, and sulfur dioxide. This problem should be addressed to improve the health and life of humans.

Different countries around the world have already taken some action to try and reduce the amount of air pollution and others should consider these actions as well. Reducing transport and electrifying the public bus or metro systems is a good way of reducing pollution since many people use cars or other transport where most of the pollution comes from. Starting campaigns that help people understand the health dangers of air pollution. These are not the only solutions that can be done to reduce and even maybe stop air pollution.

This situation has to come to an end. Getting to know different solutions is important to find a common one to help the countries involved. The main objective for the delegates of this committee is to solve the conflict by creating an action plan that ensures air pollution and its risk to human health. The countries will debate ways in which they can convince the other countries to join a solution.

***This paper needs to be rewritten in formal language. It also needs to be revised to be informative and unbiased! CITATIONS ARE LACKING, and that is a huge problem!

Remember that background papers help delegates understand the topic: its history (hence-*background* paper), its relevance and impact in the international community, and aid with potential sources of information. It helps them write their first paragraph and know enough about the topic so they can research their country in that situation and develop coherent solutions to the issue.

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