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Thank you honourable Dias. As the delegation of the United States of America, we would like to first welcome all delegates to this committee.

Climate Change is one of the biggest problems that human-kind needs to tackle today. In the United States alone, climate change could cost over \$440 billion in heat-related deaths, coastal property losses, and lost wage alone (Grambling).

Although many accords have been passed, the delegation of the United States has never participated in the Kyoto Accord and we see an insufficient amount of work put in by other countries for the Paris Climate accord (Erickson; "Kyoto Protocol Fast Facts"). Canada, China, Japan, South Korea, and the Russian Federation just to name a few, are failing to meet requirements while only 7 countries in the world have met expectations (Erickson). This lack of work done and the lack of evidence of a carbon dioxide induced climate change have led to the United States withdrawing from the accord itself (Roberts). However, as we cannot leave the accord as of this moment, the United States believes that a new accord must be drafted immediately(Roberts; Wallach). Hence, the delegation of the United States believes that all action decided from this committee must:

- A. Benefit the people of the United States first and foremost in terms of:
  - a. Jobs,
  - b. Security,
  - c. Health;
- B. Be upheld by all members of this committee at all times,
  - a. Unless there are times of crisis which will be reviewed case-by-case by a panel (ie the International Panel on Climate Change),
  - b. Or face economic sanctions from the United States;
- C. Be proven to be advantageous to be upheld and enforced,

## a. Or otherwise in process of being researched.

The delegation of the United States would like to once again state that we are displeased with the state of well-being of the world and the economic impacts of climate change but we cannot agree with the terms of the Paris Climate Accord. Currently, we have implemented the following: the Energy Policy Act 2005 and the Energy Independence and Security act 2007. The Energy Policy Act provides \$23 billion in tax funds for nuclear power; guarantees for loans for advancements in innovative technology such as clean coal and advanced nuclear reactors; invests \$2.7 billion for an extension of renewable electricity production and \$1.6 billion in tax incentives for clean coal facilities; and promotes wind, geothermal, and biomass energy. Meanwhile, the Energy Independence and Security Act 2007 introduces measure to increase the usage of renewable fuels and reduce the dependence on fossil fuels; its Renewable Fuel Standards demands that fuel producers use at least 36 billion gallons of biofuel by 2022 and incentivizes the development of renewable energy technology. ("Climate Change Laws in the USA")

Delegates, we, the United States of America have been earnestly working towards keeping our people safe and happy by trying to reduce our impact on climate change. That being said, we would like to see participation from all delegates present as well. The delegation of the United States looks forward to the discussion and ideas in this committee.

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