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**Topic:** Human Health

Climate change is impacting every country around the world differently; as it increases in urgency, climate change is beginning to impact and damage each one differently. The Republic of Moldova, situated between Romania and Ukraine, is feeling the effects of this environmental crisis more than its neighbours due to its poverty and unique industry. Moldova’s economy is largely funded by its agriculture sect and 75% of its area is agriculture fields. As most of the poor population relies heavily on agriculture to get by, the Moldovan economy has been also paying for this crisis. As it is predicted that climate change will only continue to effect Moldova, the issue is growing more and more dire.

The Republic of Moldova is aware of the issue and has taken actions to prevent the issue from getting any worse. But as the country was only formed in 1991, it does not have many options to choose from. The country has closely monitored the progression of impacts and have many agreements in place not only to reduce pollution but to aid with the current impacts of climate change (e.g. Hazardous Wastes, Climate Change – Kyoto Protocol, Air Pollution – Persistent Organic Pollutants, etc.). Unfortunately, their systems (health, economy, etc.) are not prepped for this situation. As the impacts increase due to malnutrition, flooding, drought, etc. Moldova will soon not be able to manage the situation.

Currently, the Republic of Moldova must prevent climate change from causing any further impacts on the country. Moldova needs to change its energy production and consumption from fossil fuels to renewable energy, but does not have the means to do it. A world-wide change needs to occur in becoming more renewable and Moldova would support being a part of it; but this change would need to be supported by the many organizations that exist in order of it to occur.

**Topic:** Climate Refugees

The Republic of Moldova will be greatly impacted by the long-term effects of climate change, a large portion being ‘climate refugees.’ The country is in need of minimizing the effects of climate change on itself, but is also in a prime location for the climate refugees from the southern countries to pass through on their route to Europe. Moldova needs funding for the programs it would like to develop to protect its citizens from climate change, but has already created many programs such as the Moldova Disaster and Climate Risk Management Project.

As this issue has become pressing only recently and will be greater in the future, there has not been much action taken. Moldova does not have enough funding to create any substantial change, which may have the disastrous result of its citizens becoming ‘climate refugees.’ Moldova has recently reached out to organizations working on climate change as well as other issues such as drought in order to aid its citizens and further its development in those areas.

The Republic of Moldova understands the seriousness of the situation, but in order for the country to take any steps forwards major funding would be needed. It has the potential to be largely effected by climate change and its refugees, and would like to be of aid if possible. Moldova is working with what it has to protect its citizens and better its situation.

**Topic:** Steps to Enforce the Paris Agreement

Climate change has the potential to destroy the world, and the world is working towards preventing disaster from occurring. Conferences have been held, discussions occurred, but every solution is pricy; something most countries cannot afford. The Republic of Moldova is one of many countries effected by climate change, but able to do very little about it.

Moldova, due to its small size and brief history, has largely not been involved in many of these conferences. But as time passes and the country becomes more stable and up to date, Moldova has been becoming involved more recently. The country attended the Kyoto Protocol and has been more recently involved in the United Nations. The Republic of Moldova is looking to work towards improving the climate change situation, and is taking the steps it needs to get there.

Moldova is striving towards reducing the impacts of climate change not only in its own country, but around the world. It is willing to work towards a greater future, and would like to aid in any way it can. The Republic of Moldova does not have financial aid to offer, but is deeply rooted in the issue and would like to see a solution.

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