**Republic of Austria – Position Paper**

Republic of Austria is a country located in Central Europe. With a population of approximately 8.5 million and an area of 84,000 square km, Austria has potential to be one of the best countries in the European continent due to it currently being ranked the 12th best country in the region. Although Austria may be a wealthy country, it still faces many similar dilemmas as the other countries in the world. One of the main reoccurring issues in the country is regarding its climate and its environment. Austria has faced many environmental issues throughout its existence that have not only affected the nation’s growth, but also the people residing.

Growth of industrial businesses in the last decade has become necessary for countries around the world. Industrial businesses are allowing many countries to develop and become stronger than the rest. Austria has managed to develop such strong industries, allowing its economy to be recognized as one of the strongest in the world. Although Austria is stable economically, many of its natural resources are being overused. One of the biggest natural resources available in Austria are fossil fuels and natural gas. Most of the production that takes place in the country involve in natural resource being used. Due to the overuse of the natural resources available, not only is the country losing the resources quickly, but its environment is being affected heavily too. Due to the fossil fuels being used, the air has become polluted and affected the farming areas and the habitants of Austria. In order to prevent such severe occurrence, Austria has created different solutions such as “Regional Energy Action Plan” to help slow down the process of environment and climate being severely destroyed.

Pollution is also one of the many environmental issues that occur in Austria. Air quality in Austria has been affected due to pollution created by many different sources. In some parts of Austria, air quality is worse compared to other parts. Many households in the poor areas of the country are being affected daily as they are not able to afford the quality of life others are able to afford. Despite the various efforts of Austria to prevent pollution from effecting the poor parts of the country, the air quality has not been affected. Furthermore, occurrence of Acid Rain is also a deliberate issue in the Austrian environment. Acid Rain has affected more than a quarter of the forestry in Austria. Trees are being drastically affected by the acidity, causing them to die and pollution rates to rise. In order to control the pollution rate, Austria must work together with the UN and other organization to come up with more reliable plans, plant as much trees as possible, and use different strategies in order to encourage the people of its nation to become more efficient. Keeping a healthy environment not only helps the country become stronger, it also allows the habitants to enjoy a healthier lifestyle.

Austria has potential to become a well-balanced country, alongside of Germany. Many may doubt the nation, but do not understand the ability and the power of it. Austria’s amazing economy outstands many of the top-tier countries, but gets outran due to its many conspicuous environmental and climate issues. With some help from organizations such as United Nations, Austria might be able to develop itself into something that may seem impossible as of now. Not only that, the minority habitants of the country would be able to experience a lifestyle they may have imagined before. Austria has a bright future ahead and together, we can help achieve it,

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