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Climate change is currently a pressing issue that is aggravating by the second. It is affecting every country on this planet as it is creating climate refugees and having a hindering effect on human health which lead to a myriad of other consequences. Climate change is mainly due to greenhouse gas emissions. The country of Luxembourg seeks to use its resources and financing in creating a resolution to this crisis.

Holding the presidency of the European Commission, Luxembourg will encourage all European countries to come to a unanimous agreement while still defending their interests. In comparison to the Kyoto Protocol, COP 21 was the first durable agreement that involved 195 countries and we should follow the same framework. Although more ambitious targets need to be made at COP 22 in order to accelerate the process.

We urge to diminish the limit of 2 degrees Celsius as an average increase of the planet’s temperature. This maximum of 2 degrees will still have devastating impacts on underdeveloped countries who can no longer afford to survive in these worsening conditions. As the temperatures are rising, mass populations are fleeing their homes due to catastrophic phenomenon. Every second, roughly one person is dislocated by a natural disaster that occurred in their area, and this has been since 2009. Therefore it is crucial to prevent the melting of the Arctic ice which leads to the rising level of the waters, in order to cease the exponentially rising number of climate refugees.

Climate change also has major consequences on human health in general. From polluted water to polluted air, climate change is posing serious threats, even to those living in developed countries. We cannot continue to exhaust our resources. We seek to create a resolution to strictly protect them.

To eliminate as much greenhouse gases as possible, we need to ensure and promote sustainable development. Luxembourg wishes to elaborate on ways to use advanced, ecological technologies and expand its use to underdeveloped countries.

Luxembourg is committed to supporting the international financing to the 100 billion USD by contributing with over 130 million euros until 2020. We look to amplify the budget over time because we believe it shows solidarity between the underdeveloped countries and the wealthier ones. It is important to raise awareness in the developed countries who are not directly affected by climate change yet. Luxembourg hopes to negotiate on resolutions mainly concerning issues such as climate refugees, the impact on human health and greenhouse gas emissions.

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