

# Report of what happened in the session (UNEP)

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At first, delegates voted first to discuss about the problem of solving plastic waste in the world. Then Philippines decided to start the moderated caucus by stating that due to fish eating plastic, plastic can get into our system, so they wanted to ban the use of single-use plastics.

Mexico was next by saying that their country was ruined by plastic waste in their country resulting in loss of tourism and damaged ecosystems. Then Denmark stated that plastic usage has been around for around 50 years but to fully degrade they need around 1000 years.

Australia then agreed with Mexico in that both their countries are ruined by plastic waste, and Argentina stated that plastics have caused some countries to ban the use of single-use plastics.

Australia then motioned to vote for unmoderated caucus for 20mins- 1 minute per person. And Thailand motioned to change the subject to the use of technology in single use plastics. Australia had won.

After the caucus, people motioned for a moderated caucus, the problem being how to reduce the use of plastics. Argentina said that plastics contain chemicals which will be released into the environment in 500 years when biodegraded. India then stated that animal life can be harmed by plastics as when animals ingest plastics they can die due to choking. Denmark then proceeds to mention that people should tax people who use single-use plastics. China then stated that they would totally ban plastics due to plastics being thrown into the ocean. Russia disagreed with this however, they stated that it would be near impossible to ban plastics but they would instead regulate its use. Australia then stated that due to them being the 3rd richest country in the world, they could fund people doing beach cleanups.

Italy then proceeds to extend the moderated caucus by 5 minutes which fails. Argentina then motions for an unmoderated caucus for 15 minutes which passes.

Afterwards another moderated caucus occurs. Then more ideas were given by various countries. Australia has suggested that you can use plastics as currency for public transportation which would allow the homeless people to travel around the city and collect plastics at the same time. Canada, currently, has no plans to reduce plastics but stated that a small island had a law but it didn't last. Then Indonesia stated that you can use plastics as building materials to build roads. Then France proposes to fully ban the use of plastics. Italy wants to ban the use of plastics, but they are concerned that people can lose jobs and plastics are integrated into our society that this would be impossible.

Russia then addresses the plastics in the ocean and proposes to launch multiple operations in the ocean such as putting a net to capture plastics and prevent aquatic life deaths. Australia proposes to tax companies that use plastics.

Then a consultation of the whole occurred in which those same countries elaborated more in this ideas.

Afterwards, in a moderated caucus, Italy suggests we use recyclable glass instead of using plastic bottles. But then Mexico disagrees as the price would be more expensive. Then, Denmark dismisses the idea by saying recycling glass is cheaper than actually making plastic bottles. Then Italy proposes to end the debate and this marks the ending of this certain topic.