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Topic: Promotion of New and Renewable Sources of Energy

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1 *Noting with concern* the environmental destruction caused by the use of fossil fuels as mentioned in the outcome
2 paper of the Rio+20 Conference,
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4 *Acknowledging* the impact of General Assembly resolution 65/151, declaring 2012 “The International Year of
5 Sustainable Energy for All,” during which investment of tens of billions of US Dollars was committed by
6 multilateral development banks in Asia, Europe and Latin America, and investment of more than 50 billion US
7 dollars was mobilized from the private sector and investors,
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9 *Taking note of* General Assembly resolution 67/215, which establishes long-term goals regarding the development
10 and adoption of sustainable energy technologies, and emphasizes the importance of increasing energy efficiency as a
11 means to achieve sustainable development,
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13 *Recognizing* Goal 7 of the Millennium Development Goals to ensure environmental stability,
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15 *Reaffirming* the importance of access to sustainable energy as a means of working towards the integration of
16 sustainable development and the reduction of CO₂ emissions to reduce poverty and improve living conditions as
17 declared in the 2012 International Year of Sustainable Energy for All,
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19 *Cognizant of* the large initial investments required to adopt sustainable energy technologies, and the challenges less
20 economically developed countries may face in adopting these technologies,
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22 *Recognizing* that an effective global solution for the implementation of sustainable energy technologies cannot be
23 uniform, and should encourage individualized initiatives that consider the unique factors that impact each Member
24 State,
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26 *Acknowledging* the importance of the United Nations Climate Change Conference’s mandate to address the issue of
27 climate change,
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29 1. *Declares* 2015 “The International Year of Sustainable Energy for All #2,” with the aim of achieving progress
30 towards:
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- 32 a. universal energy access,
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- 34 b. proliferation of sustainable energy technologies,
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- 36 c. increased energy efficiency;
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38 2. *Recommends* that the UNEP be designated as responsible to implement “The International Year of Sustainable
39 Energy for All #2” by organizing and coordinating events and activities that:
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- 41 a. encourage regional and governmental cooperation across both private and public sectors in order
42 to:
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- 44 i. continue development of:
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- 46 1. sustainable energy technologies,
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- 48 2. technologies that improve energy efficiency,
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- 51 ii. provide a forum to exchange and share technological advances in sustainable energy
52 technology,
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54 iii. implement sustainable energy production facilities and energy efficient infrastructure,
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56 b. increase public awareness about the importance of sustainable energy technologies, including:
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58 i. the environmental and social costs of non-renewable energy sources,
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60 ii. the advantages of renewable energy technologies, including but not limited to:
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62 1. reduced environmental impact,
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64 2. increased energy security,
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66 3. economic growth fostered by sustainable energy projects, and the increased
67 employment opportunities that result from such growth;
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69 3. *Further recommends* that the UNEP:
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71 a. raises the issue at the planned 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Le Bourget in
72 order to further identify the adoption of sustainable energy technologies as an important step in
73 addressing the issue of climate change,
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75 b. submits a report to the UN Secretary-General analyzing progress made towards achieving the
76 goals set out during the year;
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78 4. *Encourages* all Member States to emphasize the importance of sustainable energy technologies in their own
79 national development agendas, by:
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81 a. setting annual targets for the adoption of sustainable energy technology,
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83 b. exploring incentives to encourage investment in the development and implementation of
84 sustainable energy technology;
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86 5. *Further encourages* all Member States to collaborate with other Member States, non-governmental
87 organizations, private corporations, and educational institutions to develop incentive programs directed at
88 encouraging further implementation of existing sustainable energy technologies, and stimulating continuous
89 development of new, more efficient technologies.