

MUN Position Paper

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Opening Statement

Malnourished men and women along with the never ending rise in food prices together with booming population growth is causing our earth to keep digging a bigger hole which we call the Food Crisis. According to the World Food Programme (WFP), “795 million people – one in nine – still go to bed on an empty stomach each night. Even more – one in three – suffer from some form of malnutrition.” This itself is not acceptable especially because we live in a world that is perfectly capable of producing enough food to send everyone to sleep with a full stomach. The official United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) site says, “Roughly one third of the food produced in the world for human consumption every year — approximately 1.3 billion tonnes — gets lost or wasted.” This is not what the 795 million people living in poverty want to here. Especially to me where 50% of my country’s people are living this unhuman like lifestyle.

National Actions

Due to the rise in population and global warming growth affecting all of our agriculture, my country, Mexico is not holding up with the Global Food Crises very well. Our country has now reached a point where what *Fighting Poverty and Hunger in Mexico* says is, “53 percent of Mexico’s population is poor (living on less than \$2 per day), while close to 24 percent is extremely poor (living on less than \$1 per day).” And this number just keeps on rising. Our country's agricultural development is not where it should be. We need to be reached out to more by countries in Latin America and the Caribbean who are not getting the attention they need from the UN. To add to this, Mexico’s population is growing fast with a 1.2% growth rate out of it’s already 130 million people. Our country's Food Security and Agricultural Development need to change fast to end this Global Food Crises.

UN & International Actions

Mexico, although a developing country still believes that Latino/Caribbean countries (including ourselves) should be shown more attention by the UN. We show plans dedicated to helping with this Food Crises and improve Food Security to make all men and women in poverty a thing of the past.

“The 2030 Agenda – which we created and agreed to at the United Nations – is, without a doubt, the bravest, most noble and most demanding plan of action that the international community had adopted in recent history”- Enrique Peña Nieto (President of Mexico).

According to the UN’s Sustainable Development page, “This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. It also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom. We recognise that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global

challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development.” As the UN chooses to spend their money on helping other developing countries such as many in Africa, they lack in help to us Latino countries that are capable of making a huge impact on the current situation. Now in no way am I saying that we should stop sending money to other developing countries. I just believe that it should be distributed more evenly. We ask for more contributions from organizations such as, FAO IFAD WHO DESA WFP all major donors to Food Security and Agricultural Development to eliminate poverty in our country for all.

Recommendation for Action

I believe there are many simple resolutions able to resolve our Global Food Crises. Many of which just involve the contribution of all countries to complete a puzzle.

- **Waste of Food**

Roughly around one-third of all food sent out for human consumption is wasted and is never touched. This is not what we should be doing with this food. We believe this food should be packaged and sent to LLDC's where they would be glad to take it. These foods/food products might be able to fuel them enough to create more smallholder farms able to properly feed the increase in population. We ask for funding from the United States as they are the leading food wasters on our earth right now. Many of these foods come from smallholder farms also. According to the World Economic Forum, “45% of food wasted is fruit and vegetables.”

- **Production of Food**

Although I feel we should be focusing more on the preservation of food we still need to focus on the production of food to keep up with the population surge. According to IFAD's document, “There are some **500 million smallholder farms** worldwide; more than 2 billion people depend on them for their livelihoods. These small farms produce about **80** per cent of the food consumed in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.” Lives all around the world depend on these farms and they need our help. With the increase of carbon emission in our atmosphere, global warming increases causing Agricultural Development to suffer the consequences. Prime seasons for certain foods many no longer be the same. The food may no longer grow in the same amounts too. Many countries including Mexico have made pledges to decrease their carbon emission to decrease the effects of global warming.

- **Mexico and Latin Countries in the UN**

Hopefully I've been able to convince you that Mexico is putting forth its best efforts to end poverty and increase food preservations and development. We've stepped up to make contribute of our own ideas through Agenda 2030 and diminishing carbon emissions by the tonnes. We finally ask for more participation from the UN to keep our world moving forward. As the famous quote states, “A chain is only as strong as it's weakest link.” It's going to take all of us together to end this Food Crises. Collaboration and communication are key. Like the UN says, “The current world population of 7.3 billion is expected to reach 8.5 billion by 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050 and 11.2 billion in 2100.” This is an insane

number of people that can not be feed without the help of all of us united. Together being able to end all starvation for good.

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