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Topic: Combating Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

The Committee,

Recognizing that although punishment is necessary for illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, it must be dealt with in a peaceful way, such as fines or community service,

Believing citizens who are affected by IUU fishing must be educated on the effects and laws relating to IUU fishing and similar issues,

Fully aware that security is an important part of preventing IUU fishing,

Reminding that illegal fishing impacts the economy through loss of taxes, jobs, and food,

Deeply concerned that slaves have been working up to 24 hours a day fishing illegally,

1. Encourages all countries to sign documents such as the PSMA, PA, and the CTA;
2. Recommends that there is a limit put on the number of fish permitted to be caught;
3. Requests a limit on the number of Flags of Convenience that can be sold;
4. Calls upon countries to ensure they have regulations that monitor and enforce the fishing standards of sustainability;
5. Expresses its appreciation of the importance of IMO and UVI identification numbers on every fishing vessel;
6. Further requests that member states ban large fishing nets that destroy marine biomes and ecosystems;

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7. Encourages that attention be paid to training coast guards to check boats and their crews when they dock;
8. Recommends tracking fishing materials in case they pollute and destroy habitats in water;
9. Encourages all UN member states to create more fish farms and promote agriculture;
10. Further invites countries to upgrade water security with long distance drones for surveillance;
11. Strongly approves the creation of a free smartphone app that can be used to make sure fish are caught legally and report illegal fishers.