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One day there will be more plastic than fish in the sea. This is because a lot of the world uses plastics in their farming. Plastics are harmful for the environment. When we use plastics in farming, it gets into our soil and water systems. In an interview with Kai who attends Unionville College, and is a delegate of the United States, he stated that his country had a large farming industry, uses lots of plastics, and does not have major recycling projects, most of their plastics go to the landfill. The US has a policy to reduce access to single use plastics. They did attend the COP28 Climate Conference.

Delegation of the People's Republic of China expressed in an interview that China has a large farming industry, and uses a lot of plastics. These plastics are not biodegradable. It was also mentioned that they do not recycle much and did not attend COP28. To help the environment China is "working on treaties and resolutions." In an interview with Halle who is a delegate from the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, and is in 7th grade. Equatorial Guinea does not have a large farming industry, though they do not have a large petroleum industry. They do not use many biodegradable plastics. To help with the climate the Republic of Equatorial Guinea "signs on to treaties." They did attend COP28.

In an interview with Oliver who represents Venezuela, he expressed that Venezuela has not much farming industry, because most of their food is imported from other places. They also use some biodegradable plastics. Venezuela did not attend COP28. In an interview with Clive representing Thailand, they have an average sized farming industry and do not use biodegradable plastics. They do recycle and are working to "ban plastic imports by 2025."

In an interview with Claire, who is in 8th grade, it was expressed that they are trying to help underdeveloped countries. They use about 50% biodegradable plastics.

In an interview with Nora who is a delegate for Bangladesh and is in 8th grade. It was expressed that their country currently has a large farming industry, but their youth are not interested, so the farming industry is going down. Their government is working with Asia Pacific to make their pesticides less toxic.

A good portion of the world has farming industries. A lot of those farms use plastics which are bad for the environment. The delegates discussed resolutions such as using more biodegradable plastics, sustainable farming, recycling, and using plastic alternatives like bamboo. Other ideas could be using more combustible bags and educating people on the problems with plastics through posters and media. All of these are good ideas of ways to deal with the problems surrounding plastics being used in agriculture.