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Topic: Guidance on use of agricultural plastics

Aware of the fact that microplastics cannot be broken down and therefore pose a threat to the environment by getting in the ocean and other vulnerable ecosystems,

Bearing in mind that if the current uses of plastic continue, there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean,

Understanding that many member states lack adequate recycling resources,

Fully aware of the need to educate the international community on the health concerns of excessive use of agricultural plastics,

Alarmed by the millions of animals killed every year and the potential risks to human health imposed by microplastics,

Recognizing that modern agriculture relies heavily on agricultural plastics and many nations are benefitting from them,

Affirming that some countries have banned single use plastic and have begun phasing out agricultural plastics,

Managing Plastic Waste and Microplastics

1. Urges member states to implement sustainable recycling infrastructure with accessible collection points for agripreneurs or pickup programs;
2. Encourages member states to circulate advertisements to educate people on the impact on the environment caused by agricultural plastics;
3. Invites member states to create programs to train and license farmers to purchase agricultural plastics so that they are educated on sustainable use;
4. Urges member states to employ teams to identify and clean up plastics, in the ecosystem;
5. Calls upon nations to ensure that agricultural plastic waste, especially agricultural plastics, are transported directly to recycling facilities;

Educating the International Community on the Health Concerns of Agricultural Plastics

6. Requests nations to educate farmers and agricultural workers on techniques to minimize plastic waste by providing mandatory guidelines, training programs, and workshops;
7. Encourages developed member states to support research and development efforts on plastic alternatives to educate the community;
8. Recommends major plastic producing nations to fund plastic waste education programs for all residents to be informed on its impact;
9. Further requests that nations provide residents with new and updated resources and technology that they need to make sure plastic is recycled properly;
10. Recommends financially stable member states to advertise the risks of agricultural plastics on social media and on other digital platforms;
11. Suggests developed member states make education on agricultural plastics;

Reduction and Removal of Plastics

12. Recommends that member states invest in non profit organizations to help research and create programs to help with managing plastics;
13. Encourages member states and the United Nations to support institutions who provide alternatives to plastics, such as jute, compostable bags, natural fiber, glass, straw;
14. Suggests governments to create NGOs used to provide necessary education for farmers to learn how to use agricultural plastics responsibly;
15. Strongly encourages all member states to offer incentives to organizations to reduce the production of plastics and promote alternatives.