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UNEP: How to balance the actions taken by governments to counteract and prevent the effects of climate change on people, land and resources?

Dear delegates,

The world is constantly changing, not only in a cultural way, but also, not-really-surprisingly at its base. We are, of course, talking about the climate change that is relentlessly coming upon us. The climate change as a whole is a widely-known topic. It affects us in certain ways including rising sea levels, melting ice caps, torrential downpours and more powerful storms, heatwaves and droughts, pests and diseases. The fact that those do not affect us directly, does not mean that climate change is a faux, remember that. I am more than glad to welcome every single one of you to our debates. You may think, and I don't blame you for it, that this year's topic might not be so serious or grave, but don't get misled, dear delegates. Climate change is no joke, and has to be handled carefully, yet firmly, and that's our task. United Nations Environment Programme has been doing its best to control the change, but the nature has its ways which we are not capable of understanding nor taming.

What we need to focus on is how we can balance the actions that governments all across the world are either willing to take or are already taking to counteract the climate change itself. It is in their power and it is their duty to mark out a direction for responsible politics that take such problems seriously and fight narrow-mindedness and ignorance. We need to understand and make the world understand, that some actions may help none, while bringing doom on the world as a whole. My role here is not to give you the answer to all your questions. I'm here to give you directions on your way to saving the nature. The world does not revolve around us, but we are the only ones capable of making it a better place. In the following days, we are accountable for solving the problem.

I honestly can't wait to meet you all and work with you for the sake of our planet.

Best regards,

Maciej Cymbrykiewicz, the chairperson of United Nations Environment Programme