RESOLUTION: ENV II/A
COMMITTEE: Council of Environmental Affairs
TOPIC: Discussing ways to combat desertification and deforestation as a result of climate change, agriculture, and resource extraction, particularly as a means of establishing sustainable practices heading into a more water-scarce future.
SPONSORS: Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Egypt, Palestine, Yemen, Sudan

Acknowledging the adverse impact of desertification and deforestation on already arid regions, as well as the negative environmental effects of climate change, agriculture, and resource extraction,

Respecting the sovereignty of individual member states across the Arab League regarding land usage,

Emphasizing the fact that deforestation and desertification have been exacerbating poverty and emigration among the nations,

Promoting environmental awareness and the encouragement of citizens to participate in conservation methods, and

Championing methods that provide both monetary and human aid to states that have difficulty implementing resolutions due to a lack of resources,

Be it hereby resolved by the League of Arab States:

1. Creates a committee hereby called Water and Agriculture Techniques Encouraging Resource Sustainability (WATERS) tasked with, but not limited to, the following,
   a. Constructing an international workshop, for the purposes of,
      i. Encouraging sustainable management and rehabilitation of arid land,
      ii. Educating and disseminating information from experts across the Arab League as to the best practices for managing and restoring rangeland and forest vegetation,
      iii. Communicating within the international body current issues regarding desertification and deforestation within individual member states and creating real-time solutions to address such issues,
      iv. Working towards proper water conservation and filtration across the Arab League,
      v. Introducing new methods of soil conservation over lands that have been particularly affected by desertification,
vi. Informing individual members states of standards put forth by the UN Environmental Program Clean Sea Campaign and how they adapt their individual policies regarding plastic,

b. Advocating for recycling and reusing reclaimed water that would otherwise be classified as unusable wastewater,

c. Addressing agricultural issues such as soil erosion, overuse of land, and harmful fertilizers,
   i. Encouraging sustainable techniques such as crop rotation,
   ii. Reusing of water in a water drip technique,

d. Creating an educational program encouraging citizens throughout the Member States, especially underdeveloped populations, for the purposes of,
   i. Coordinating with the UN World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought Day to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification,
   ii. Discussing how traditional knowledge can create innovative, dynamic, and positive impacts in regard to combating desertification,
   iii. Educating citizens about water harvesting in local levels;

2. **Encourages** further research into “Greening the Desert” for the purposes of, but not limited to,
   
   a. Learning more about the benefits and quantitative results of afforestation and green belts,
   b. Promoting biodiversity, halting degradation and habitat destruction, and other positive outcomes afforestation brings,
   c. Creating new jobs in the construction industry in underdeveloped communities;

3. **Recommends** the League further invest in innovative technologies and research stations to help replace the outdated methods that have been used to address desertification and deforestation;

4. **Defers** to the Economics Committee on the implementation of a resource cap tax for the purposes of creating an incentive to discourage the use of nonrenewable resources in favor of more renewable alternatives;

5. **Suggests** the League engage in data and statistics sharing among the nations for connection and collaboration between researchers, which can result in important new findings within the field; and

6. **Provides Funds** for this project from, but not limited to,
a. Individual contributions from willing and able member states,
   i. Saudi Arabia,
   ii. United Arab Emirates,
   iii. Bahrain,
   iv. Egypt, and
   v. Algeria,
b. Any relevant NGOs and Islamic Faith-Based Organizations (IFBOs), and
c. Development of a bilateral committee capable of allocating proper funds to countries in need.

Signatories: Venezuela, Bahrain