United Nations Environment Programme
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**Topic: “Battling the Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP) through the development of robotic remote operated clean-up vessels, and microplastic-eating organisms into the North Pacific Ocean”**

United Nations Environment Programme,

*Recognizing* the commitment to global sustainability and conservation of oceans, seas, and marine areas for future development,

*Bearing in mind* that China mismanages the most plastic waste worldwide and is the largest contributor to oceanic pollution,

*Deeply alarmed by* the global oceanic plastic pollution in the Pacific which has created a garbage patch with an estimated size of 1.9 million square kilometers in the North Pacific Ocean,

*Further alarmed* that an estimated 80,000 tonnes of plastic reside in the GPGP and 1.8 trillion pieces of microplastic reside in the Pacific Ocean,

*Noting with deep concern* the wide-scale impacts that plastic and microplastics have on oceanic ecosystems and environmental pollution,

1. *Demands* China fully fund efforts to clean up the GPGP by paying 1.5 billion USD per tonne of plastic in the GPGP and develop sustainable domestic waste-management policies;
2. *Requests* the creation of the Global Earth Oceanic Development Enterprise (GEODE) to develop sailing trash-collecting robots that collect plastic and trash from the GPGP;
3. *Further requests* that GEODE initiate scientific research into schools of trash eating fish and colonies of microplastic eating organisms that would eventually be dispersed throughout international waters;
4. *Asks* that GEODE will submit its scientific findings and discoveries through a report to the UNEP by the spring conference in 2023;
5. *Affirms* that the UNEP will oversee the expansion and continuation of GEODE into the future in accordance with its sustainable development goals.