POSITION PAPER

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> **LOCATION:**

The United States of America is the world's third largest country in terms of area and population. The country is located in North America, with the Pacific Ocean on the west and the Atlantic Ocean on the east. Canada lies to the north, while Mexico towards south.

What is sustainable consumption and production for a country?

While sustainable consumption and production may mean different things to different individuals, certain over-arching notions tie together wide areas of agreement to create a holistic strategy that cuts across regions and industries.

The idea is that "production which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs."

Agenda 2030 and USA:

The 2030 Agenda, approved by the United Nations at the end of 2015, contemplates the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. While these seventeen goals -with their 169 targets- seek to improve the living conditions and conservation of the environment especially in developing countries, they also include improvement expectatives for the country USA.

> Sustainable consumption and production is USA:

American institutions and communities are demonstrating that the sustainability in their consumption and production provide the foundation for domestic collaboration and communal pride, as well as in international political leadership. They also embody American ideals and provide a vision that elevates the development concepts that have guided the country's growth and success.

For example, a focus on justice and opportunity for all; human rights; democratic governance; rule of law; and environmental sustainability are all examples of these. It is beneficial to both America and the rest of the globe to uphold these standards.

While analysing the country's performance at the end of 2015 there are much developments in the field of maintaining a proper graph in consumption and production of the country. Some of them are:

- Sustainable Manufacturing: Sustainable manufacturing is the creation of manufactured products through economically-sound processes that minimize negative environmental impacts while conserving energy and natural resources.
- ❖ <u>U.S. cotton</u>: With new technologies, precision agriculture, and rigorous fair labor practices, U.S. cotton has led the way to a greener, kinder world for years.

How to ensure this sustainability in USA?

There are many measures to take up for practicing sustainable development

- 1. It is important to ensure clean and hygienic living and working conditions for the people.
- 2. It is also important to find economical methods to salvage dangerous industrial wastes.
- 3. Encourage afforestation including environmental education as part of the school and college curriculum will also help. Similarly, it is essential to socialize and humanize all environmental issues.
- 4. we must encourage uses of non-conventional sources of energy, especially solar energy. Looking for substitutes for proven dangerous materials on the basis of local resources and needs will help, likewise, we must produce environment-friendly products.
- 5. popularize the use of organic fertilizers and other biotechniques. Finally, the key is environmental management which must be monitored and ensure accountability.

