



South Africa



Community – United nation Environment Council (UNEC)

Agenda - Drastically Reducing Maritime Pollution, including Plastic

Let me start with the question “What is maritime pollution”. Marine pollution can be defined as **anything that contaminates the sea**. Common Marine pollutants include chemicals, small plastic beads in exfoliants and also toxic bio-matter (such as sewage). It also harms the marine animals and makes the ocean polluted and harmful for living beings. We should prevent maritime pollution as marine life is an important part of our **Eco-system** and it is everyone’s responsibility to save marine animals and natural resources. We can make a difference working together to prevent marine pollution.

In 1924, **The Department of Environmental Affairs** notched up its first ever conviction for maritime pollution as part of a recent **Interpol operation** targeting those fouling the oceans. The captain of the Ukrainian registered fishing vessel. More **Sodruzhestva** was found guilty of discharging sewage into South African coastal waters. South Africa is concerned about maritime pollution and because in the past, Sodruzhestva had discharged sewage into South African coastal waters. Right now, globally more than **four million tons of waste lands up in oceans**. The litter is digested by mammals and fish, making them sick, and destroys large tracts of marine life. **Pollution is happening due to plastic and man-made pollution**. Not only marine life and environment is getting harmed but we humans are also getting harmed plastic as chemicals used to make plastic are harmful and has a negative effect on humans. Also, the chemicals used to make plastic are poisonous too. Right now, South Africa’s is very poor to remove these harmful chemicals to prevent maritime pollution. We request the MUN to send advanced technology and many people to contribute maritime pollution. As a matter of fact, it is everyone’s responsibility to save maritime pollution and saves marine animals from going extinct. If the UN doesn’t send machines and people, this pollution may go to other oceans around the world which is very harmful for us and animals. As, humans and animals both are connected to the eco-system. So, there are some steps which the world-wide took and which I would like to announce. Mostly, the farmers are using organic farming techniques instead of using chemical pesticides and fertilizers. Also, in **Maritime Zones of India Act 1976, the government takes measures for protection of the marine environment in India**.

My final statement is that we should prevent maritime pollution as marine life is an important part of our Eco-system and it is everyone’s responsibility to save marine animals and natural resources. We can make a difference working together to prevent marine pollution. We also kindly request the UN to send advanced technology and many people to contribute maritime pollution financially.