

Position Paper-Delegate of Belgium

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Belgium recognizes that climate change is not just an environmental issue, but also a security issue. The threat of climate change on international peace and security is not just a possibility, but rather a reality. It is a global issue that requires collective and imposing action and cooperation to lessen its effects. The evidence is crisp and clear, climate change is already affecting various regions of the world. Also contributing to resource scarcity and displacing millions of people worldwide. The consequences of these changes are dire and destructive causing conflicts and discords. This position paper outlines Belgium's stance on how climate change will further threaten international peace and security—>

In Belgium, a 1-metre rise in average sea level could result in almost **63,000** hectares being at a negative altitude. Statistics state that in approximately a 1,000 years, with a potential 8-m rise, more than one-tenth of Belgian territory (almost 3,700 km²) would be below sea level. This is *beyond* alarming for Belgium! Heatwaves, floods and droughts constantly wage war with Belgium causing terror to reign. Quite recently, Belgium was faced by a water crisis due to the destructive effects of climate change as mentioned above. However, We took immediate action to correct this and met the requirements of the EC's Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive, with about 98% of wastewater collected and subject to secondary treatment at the national level. 82% is subject to additional treatment.

The Belgian Federal Government intends to phase out fossil fuels for electricity generation by 2050. All sectors reduced their emissions over the 2005 to 2019 period.

Belgium supports the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change as important steps towards addressing climate change. We believe that these agreements provide a framework for international cooperation and collective action to address the threat of the impending climate change crisis that is plaguing us all!

Belgium recognizes that climate change poses a significant threat to international peace and security. It is crucial for us to work together to moderate the effects of climate change and address its root causes. **This includes reducing greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to the inevitable impacts of climate change, and supporting those countries most vulnerable to its effects.** We **have** to do it for our Planet. The same planet that has housed us for thousands of years. We have to remain faithful to it! All for a better, brighter & brilliant future ahead of us! Thank you and have a great day!!