



Federal republic of Somalia

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY

TOPIC: PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

Somalia, an easternmost developing country on the horn of Africa. Its major income sector is the agriculture sector with 40.2%. The land degradation, due to land pollution is a key environmental issue in Somalia. The dumping of E-waste such as mercury and micro-plastic in mobile phones which causes harm to the environment by dissolving in the seas and directly affects the drinking water. E-waste emits radiation which harms the birds and other small animals. Due to this, the agriculture sector also gets affected. E-waste is caused by the dumping of mobile phones, laptops, PC's, machines, refrigerators, etc. when dumped at the same place and get converted into a stock pile of E-waste which emits radiation. It also leads to land degradation due to the plastic and other chemicals in the machines and mobile phones.

But our committee is keen to protect the environment at all costs as per our

available resources. To control the crisis of E-waste pollution, we have started waste management a long time ago in 1942. Even with little GDP we managed to reduce the waste crisis by the policy of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle in which Reducing means lessening the amount of garbage/trash produced, Reusing refers to using materials more than once while Recycling means creating new materials or product out of trash . in Somalia, landfill grounds are introduced, self composting etc. were also introduced. Our country is one of the least waste producing countries of world with only 10 million metric tons of waste. The other small waste management activities like incineration, biological reprocessing and animal feed etc. were also done in Somalia.

Somalia has decided to make future policies for future waste management, it will most probably include government participation in waste disposal responsibility share, but people also needs to follow some steps like coordinate activities with other organisations, persue partnership with government, monitoring waste activities in your area and reporting them to media, get involved in education, communicate with your government and notify the media about environmental importance.

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