FORUM: The Environment Committee

QUESTION OF: The protection of indigenous peoples in South America affected by deforestation

MAIN SUBMITTER: Argentina

CO-SUBMITTERS: Rwanda, Guatemala

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE,

***Reminding*** member states that the Amazon rainforest boasts a wide range of culturally diverse inhabitants,

***Emphasizing*** the limited contact of tribes and the fact those external relations may constitute as a threat,

***Remembering that*** indigenous tribes possess the ability of land ownership,

***Recognizing*** the damage that economic activity has posed to the region,

***Utilizing*** NGO as well as UNO help to voice the concerns of tribal inhabitants,

***Encouraging*** the increased use of sustainable resources;

1. ***Requests*** all South-American member nations hosting major forests to:
	1. Review policies regarding deforestation as a whole, with implication such as but not limited to:
		1. The extent of natural reserves,
		2. The acceptable quota of logging and deforestation,
		3. The presence of indigenous peoples,
	2. Reform and implement new policies which have the potential of being exploited;
2. ***Urges*** all affected nations to willingly accept the existence of indigenous tribes, while simultaneously reminding states involved that those who do not comply with such measures may lead to punishing means such as but not limited to:
	1. Sanctions,
	2. Trade boundaries,
3. ***Calls upon*** the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) to provide those who play a role in deforestation situated in remote regions, such as cattle farmers, upon numerous subjects such as, but not limited to:
	1. The role of forests as homes of indigenous tribes,
	2. Environmental impacts due to the absence of forests
	3. That indigenous tribes bear ancestral land rights;
4. **Advises** Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries (REDD+) as well as other NGO’s to:

a) Form a union which aims to:

* + 1. Efficiently research, collect information and report to the United Nations annually,
		2. Regularly subsidize and co-fund reforestation initiatives,
	1. Identify areas where indigenous tribes are at greatest risk;
1. ***Encourages*** the exchange of information regarding indigenous tribes across globally accessible social media such as:
	1. Facebook,
	2. Twitter;
2. ***Strongly urges*** states with persisting economic activity in areas hosting tribes as well as prone to deforestation to immediately halt activity in such areas;
3. ***Endorses*** the act of sending UNO or NGO delegations to affected tribes, which seek to:
	1. Publicly voice the concerns of prominent members of the tribe leaders and or tribe elders***,***
	2. Fulfill the needs and wishes of tribes when requested,
	3. Encourage the tribes to abandon their slash and burn traditions;
4. ***Stresses***  the need for improved farming technology for increased productivity, ratherthan acquiring more land for increased productivity by aiding farmers financially;
5. ***Encourages*** the utilization of sustainable technologies as well as diversification of crop yields, by means such as but not limited to:
	1. Increased use of biofuels by farmers
6. ***Decides*** to remain actively seized on the matter.