

Mitigation of Deforestation for Sustainable Development

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

- P1. *Recalling* the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 15 which aims to protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems,
 - P2. *Recognising* that all rainforests is one of the most biodiverse areas on the planet and a critical component in the global fight against climate change,
 - P3. *Deeply concerned* with increasing deforestation rate. A stable increase in deforestation has not gone unnoticed in the year 2023 with Ecuador losing 41.0 kha of natural forest, equivalent to 30.3Mt of CO2 emissions,
 - P4. *Alarmed* by the issue of oil drillings that led to conflicts with indigenous communities who oppose such activities in their territories. The government has been criticised for being heavy-handed and violating Indigenous people's rights.
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- O1. Recommends the implementation of a national land-use plan that balances agricultural needs with forest conservation, including incentives for sustainable farming and agroforestry practices,
 - O2. Urges the protection and recognition of indigenous land rights, ensuring that indigenous communities are active participants in conservation efforts and benefit from sustainable development projects by,
 - a. Decreasing conflict,
 - b. Bettering quality of food,
 - O3. Encourages educational campaigns and community outreach programs to raise awareness about the importance of forests and the impacts of deforestation among local populations and stakeholders.
 - O4. Recommends international businesses and corporations operating globally to adopt and adhere to sustainable practices, avoiding activities that lead to deforestation.

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