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GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AS IMPORTANT PART OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Global environmental issues are an important part of international relations. In fact, the international community, in recent years, has stressed the importance of fighting climate change, in order to protect the environment, through documents such as the Kyoto Protocol, and more recently during the COP21 United Nations Climate Change Summit. However, international activists were speaking out about the harm that humans were doing to the environment as early as the 1970s and 1980s. In the 1980s, the thinning of the O-zone layer began to be a major concern. Today, such issues, along with global warming and climate change are at the center of environmental politics. In fact, individual activists, NGOs, as well as states have come together through international organizations such as the United Nations to derive strategies related to environmental issues such as global warming and reducing harmful chemicals in the atmosphere. [1,2]

The conditions of the environment have a major effect on human livelihood and relations amongst one another. These issues are clearly political in nature. For example, shortages of fresh water, a clear environmental issue, are said by many to be a potential cause for future conflicts in the world. Along with water issues, pollution is an other concern in international affairs, and is continuing to impact how communities live. [2, 3]

There are a number of global environmental issues that have received the attention of scholars, activists, citizens, and practitioners.

Top 10 Environmental Issues Facing Our Planet:

1. Population. Without a doubt the biggest issue facing the environment is over population of humans. All other major environmental issues flow from the very fact that we are over populating the planet. The worlds population has tripled in the last 60 years placing stress on every aspect of the environment. [4,5]

2.Climate Change. At this stage the best we can do is regulate the further impact upon the environment by developing more environmentally friendly methods of energy production by reducing the mining and burning of fossil fuels. [4,5]

3.Loss of Biodiversity. The loss of biodiversity on the planet can be directly related to the behaviours of human beings. Humans have destroyed and continue to destroy the habitats of species on a daily basis.

The catastrophic impact of loss of biodiversity is likely to affect the planet for millions of years to come. The current loss of biodiversity is also being named "The Sixth Extinction". [3,4,5]

4.The Phosphorus and Nitrogen Cycles. The human race's use and abuse of nitrogen has been one of the most beneficial technologies for our own species for decades. Every year, humans convert an estimated 120 million tons of nitrogen from the atmosphere into reactive forms such as nitrates, mainly in the production of nitrogen-based fertilizer for crops and in the use of food additives. The run off from crops into our oceans has a negative effect upon phytoplankton which is responsible for the production of most of the oxygen in our air. [3,4,5]

5.Water. Currently, one third of humans have inadequate access to clean, fresh water. The number is expected to increase by up to two thirds by 2050. That is that two thirds of the worlds population will not have access to clean water. [4,5]

6.Ocean Acidification. Over the last 250 years, surface acidity of the ocean has increased by an estimated 30%. The acidity is expected to increase by 150% by 2100.

The effect of ocean acidification may soon challenge marine life on a scale that the planet has not seen for millions of years. [4,5]

7.Pollution. Pollution of air, water and soil by chemical compounds that take many years to breakdown. Most of these chemicals are the bi-products of our modern lifestyle and are created by industry and motor vehicle exhaust. [4,5]

8.Ozone Layer Depletion. Depletion of our ozone layer has been mainly attributed to the release of chemical pollution containing the chemicals Chlorine and Bromide. Once the chemicals reach the upper atmosphere, they cause ozone molecules to break apart causing a hole to form, the largest of which is over the Antarctic. [4,5]

9.Over Fishing. It is estimated that by 2050 that there will be no fish left in the sea.

10.Deforestation. Since 1990 half of the worlds rain forests have been destroyed. The clearing of forests continue at an alarming rate. [4,5]

So, it is important to understand, and then work towards fighting natural resource depletion.

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