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We as the USA believe that climate change is a serious issue facing this planet and its people, and that something must be done about it. However, we also feel that the present terms and ideas of the Kyoto Protocol are not the best way to go about it.

We the delegation from the USA believe the following information about our country is significant to this debate:

The USA has the largest economy in the world which generates more wealth per person than anyone else. This can only be maintained by the continued use of fossil fuels until another suitable fuel is found. We also feel that we are the most likely country to develop this new type of fuel and so we feel that we should generate our money into research before anything is signed that would constrict us from doing that.

Based on the evidence available, we the delegation from the USA believe climate change is having the following effects:

More frequent and more devastating hurricanes (such as Hurricane Katrina, which destroyed New Orleans, plunging it underwater and leaving thousands homeless and injured). So we do take this matter very seriously.

Based on the evidence available, we also believe the future impacts of climate change could be the melting of the polar ice caps which causes rising sea level, which can lead to flooding of the Bowash Megalopolis and 15% of the coastal areas, at least.

The USA has already taken the following measures to combat climate change:

In many states, the governors have found it appropriate to try and reduce their carbon emissions by following targets similar to those in the Kyoto Agreement, but not to the detriment of their economy and we have already started to put some money towards research, after all, our scientists were the ones to discover climate change in the first place.

We, the delegation from the USA believe that an effective approach to attack climate change would be to invest more money into research and development which would find a practical and suitable solution for us all. We feel that the Kyoto Agreement is biased towards LEDC's and NIC's, such as Bangladesh and China, as they fit into this category, even though they have high carbon emissions. We feel that restrictions have pulled us back from finding a suitable solution to climate change. We also feel that the restrictions are too strict and we find it impossible to comply with the standards they set.

Resolution:

We therefore support resolution 1 which states that binding targets are unhelpful. However, we agree to undertake long term cooperative measures to control climate change by reducing our greenhouse gases.