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**Final resolution agreed at the Model United Nations conference on climate change
held at Barnstaple Civic Centre on 28th June 2006**

We, the nations of the world, acknowledge that climate change is an increasingly serious problem caused by human activity, and that if unchecked it will threaten human civilization and the survival of many species. Even now, climate change is bringing devastation, particularly to poor and vulnerable peoples. Therefore we agree to:

- i. Undertake measures to achieve a reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions by the following amounts by 2050: UK, Austria and France 70%; Ukraine 65%; USA and China 40%; India and Kenya 20% and Bangladesh 15%. These targets will be reviewed every five years with a view to increasing them.
- ii. An international emissions trading scheme whereby countries exceeding their emissions will buy surplus quotas from nations who are below their emissions limit.
- iii. A system of *carbon credits* whereby countries exceeding their emissions targets can gain credits through the *Clean Development Mechanism*, by investing in low carbon technologies: renewable energy, nuclear power, carbon sequestration, planting or protection of forests, in other countries and counting the emissions saved as their own.
- iv. An international tax on aircraft fuel will provide funds to support countries to maintain their forests, particularly ancient forests. Newly planted forests will also be supported subject to their being ecologically suited to the area.