

Opening Speech Example

Committee: UNEA

Topic: The effects of climate change on international trade

Country: The People's Republic of China

Speaking Time: 1:30

Thank you honorable chair and fellow delegates. The potential effects of climate change on international trade can be devastating. Extreme weather events, droughts, and rising sea levels disrupt global supply chains leading to catastrophic economic and environmental issues. The international community is in need of a sustainable trade strategy capable of mitigating pressure on the environment while still being able to keep up with international trade changes. The delegation of China recommends the innovation of clean energy technologies in trade through supply chains and trade routes. Yet global supply chains crucially need to be able to maintain operations during crisis and bounce back from shock. The current concentration of supply chains make them vulnerable to disruptions. That is why China recommends the diversification of supply chains. This gives countries the opportunity to sustainably develop their economies while helping with the world-wide transition to a greener global trade system. Yet this plan is incomplete without the input of other countries. China calls upon all member nations to collaborate in the hopes of making the idea of eco-friendly trade systems a reality working towards goals 13 and 8 of the UN sustainable development goals. Paving the way for a future of economic prosperity and environmental sustainability.