

Resolution presented by the delegations of

Bangladesh & Kiribati

Theme Sustainable Development

Concerning Creation of a system of floating islands made of recycled materials

The General Assembly,

Alarmed that limiting global warming to the 1.5° target would result in 532 millions people returning to their homes in areas below sea level, and that if 4° is reached, more than one billion people would be threatened with migration due to rising sea levels,

Noting that Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights guarantees everyone an adequate standard of living and implies the right to adequate housing, this future massive migration flow will be very difficult to manage in view of the requirements of the declaration,

Concerned about the 267 marine species affected by the plastic ocean, also known as the Great Garbage Patch, with a surface area of 3.5 million km² (1/3 of Europe; 6 times the size of France), in fact, 4 to 12 million tons of plastics end up in the oceans every year,

Stressing that to date, there is still no right to environmental asylum, indeed, international law has not provided for a legally defined status for climate refugees and the prospect of a rapid increase in such refugees would put host countries in great economic and political difficulty,

Deploring that governmental and media indifference to rising sea levels will only delay action by UN member states and worsen the consequences,

Proposing

- the creation of a section in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in cooperation with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (PNUEH), exclusively dedicated to the fight against rising seas, ensuring that each UN member country allocates a certain budget to the floating island project according to the polluter pays principle;
- the construction of floating islands, for countries heavily affected by rising sea levels on the coast or in the open sea, based on the Oceanix project led by Bjarke Ingels Group (Danish agency).

The French text prevails.