

PORGMUN Conference – Committee Introduction: Environmental Committee

Although this committee is not an official body of the United Nations (despite its similarities to UNEP – United Nations Environment Programme), it most certainly could be a viable committee fitting into the purpose of the organisation. Environmental issues are growing in importance in our society, as proven by the global warming phenomenon, and they require careful handling, because the inability to find proper solutions may prove fatal in the future.

Among the topics discussed in this extraordinary committee are:

- *Genetic engineering as a threat to the safety of the population and the environment.* Genetic engineering has opened a whole level of possibilities to the human race. However, the issues connected, apart from the moral, are of great importance and must be considered whilst preventing any harmful effects. How does the usage of genetically modified organisms affect the ecosystems? The evolution? The small businesses?
- *Encouraging measures against deforestation and its impact on the climate.* According to some scientists, forest foliage may disappear in a hundred years. Forests are major producers of oxygen and as such must be protected. This is, sadly, not respected by those who burn rainforests in order to gain more agricultural land.
- *Meeting standards to prevent nuclear power plant meltdowns and ensure safe disposal of radioactive material.* As the energy consumption of humanity increases significantly every year, nuclear power plants, which are often regarded as safe sources of electric energy, produce more and more radioactive waste which is becoming a major power due to our inability to safely dispose of this waste.

Delegates attending this committee will be facing major global issues that surround the topic of environment. However, skills to negotiate and reach a viable conclusion are the necessary requirements of any delegate, even when debating the topic of rainforests. If you would like to contribute to a better, more efficient and a safer future for our world ensured by a healthy environment, this committee is just for you!