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AI and its Effect on the Environment: Balancing Economic Growth and Preservation of Natural Resources

In a tense debate, The UNEP council convened to combat the issues of AI affecting the environment, concentrating on finding new ways to use renewable resources to cool down AI databases. Delegates argued that either wind or solar power is the best way to lower water usage by AI companies around the world. The arguments showed that to develop a high-quality solution, delegates needed to figure out what is best for everyone and not just themselves.

Although most countries had similar solutions in lowering the water usage of AI companies, there were a few countries who stood out the most. Starting out with Spain, who had a fascinating idea. They proposed the idea of introducing tax funds to help struggling countries and building smaller-scale centers around urban areas. Another country that had good ideas was Sudan. They were completely against all AI data centers and proposed a tax on water for the data centers corporations. While all of these countries gave solutions which supported other countries, there is always one country who only cared about themselves. In this case, the country was Ireland. Ireland seemed preoccupied by only what would benefit themselves and their economy. They did not think out how developing countries would be able to afford these solutions they were listing. In the end, we hope all delegates will be able to come up with a solution that benefits all.

**“AI databases can use
up to 5 million gallons
of water per day”
—Portugal**

This eye-opening quote comes from the opening statement from the delegate from Portugal about the AI water usage issue around the world. This delegate hopes to prevent AI companies using too much water from continuing around the world, and their dedication to finding a solution to this issue is inspiring. They want to stop the lack of water not just in Portugal, but all around the world every day because of AI usage. “Achieving this goal may be difficult, but thanks to the Green Climate Funds, who will sponsor our dream, we can reduce water usage.” This was a quote given to us by the delegate that left us with hope and passion. With this solution and a strong source of funding from the Green Climate Fund, the UNEP Council was able to come together and create a solution that will benefit generations to come.



CRISIS UPDATE

Breaking news made its way to the UNEP council as there is an unknown terrorist group targeting all environmental labs, research centers, activists, and government officials in an attempt to stop all studies and movements about biodegradable products. Patterns have shown that they are targeting universities such as: Caltech, ETH Zurich, and the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing. This group comes from a developing country that prioritizes economics over the environment. The group seems to be speaking Portuguese on the leaked radio conversations between them. They appear to be from South America due to a rare metal they had used for bombs that is only in South America. We can no longer run from this situation. We need to find out where this group is from, and they must pay for how much damage they have already done.

**“We must combat all AI
databases around the world as
they are harming the
environment, especially that of
dry countries around the world”
—Sudan**