



## Chair Report

### ECOSOC

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The primary role of the United Nations Economic and Social Council is responsible for promoting higher standards of living, full employment, and economic and social progress; identifying solutions to international economic, social and health problems; facilitating international cultural and educational cooperation; and encouraging universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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**REPORT:** Assessing the global waste situation due to consumerist behaviors

#### Introduction

As more and more global conglomerates and major corporations are formed, more and more ideas and products are pushed out in order to make more money. When more products are created, more resources are used up in order to create the product itself, package the product, and advertise the product. Along with all of that, factories need to mass produce the product. All of that equates to mass pollution by factories, the companies who create the product, and the consumers who buy and eventually throw away the product. This is a continuous cycle of buying and throwing things away and it is starting to heavily effect the environment that we depend on for so much. We as delegates and members of ECOSOC need to assess the waste and pollution caused by this dangerous and never-ending cycle.

#### General Overview

Around the world, more and more major conglomerates and corporations have been promoting excess consumerism. This has led to an increase in production and packaging which in turn has led to an increase in pollution and waste. As more and more consumers begin to buy more and more, landfills are beginning to overflow, more pollution is caused by the buildup of waste, and the amount of resources on earth begin to shrink. Votes have been held within the UN before concerning waste and how to lower pollution but they have been vetoed by members of the UN security council.



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### Major Parties Involved

- Major Corporations such as Saudi Aramco and Chevron
- Major nations around the world such as China, The United States, India, and the Russian Federation as well as their populations.

### Timeline of Key Events

1945: The United Nations Economic and Social Council, or ECOSOC, was formed and its purpose was to discuss international economic and social issues and create international solutions.

1948: The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs is formed in order to find ways to introduce and promote sustainable development for countries around the world.

2003: DESA wrote The United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection which was a guide to help protect consumers from predatory company practices which tried to help prevent over purchasing and inadvertently cause less waste from products bought by consumers.

2015: The Youth-led Sustainable Community Development was created by DESA in order to help reach the SDG's by 2030 and was a project lead by youth around the world to help promote international sustainability which included protecting nature and also finding pollution through things such as factories, over-production, and mass consumerism.

2019: Around 180 countries reached a deal that aims to sharply reduce the amount of plastic that gets washed into the world's oceans.

### Past Attempts at Resolving This Issue



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**DESA:** A subcommittee within the UN that was created to assist countries around the world in setting up an agenda and making decisions in order to help countries in meeting a certain goal to help solve their economic, social and environmental challenges

**The Youth-led Sustainable Community Development:** A project lead by DESA to help achieve worldwide sustainability and also help stop pollution, whether that be from individuals creating pollution through consumerism or from major corporations/ conglomerates and their factories.

### **Suggested Websites**

<https://www.un.org/en/desa>

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