

26. RESOLUTION ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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Today, more than ever, in our consumer society, it is important to focus the political agenda on the environmental and ecological issue. In the era of Donald Trump, in which climate changes are underrated, oil pipelines are built and the employment of fossil fuel is supported, socialist parties in Europe have to carry on the fight for a clean and ecological society, for a sustainable development and for a stronger environmental protection. It is an important issue of the Left of nowadays, as well as its historical fights.

The environmental issue and environmental problems are not fiction, they are real: a harsh reality, a big problem to solve. We have to give a liveable world to the future generations. That's why European socialism has to take charge of this important purpose and we, as Young European Socialists, cannot be caught unprepared.

The ecological transition is necessary. A project of society is necessary, a decarbonized society, characterized by a model of sustainable development, in other words: liveable, realizable and equal.

This is a crisis of the industrialized and newly industrialized countries. This crisis is not only characterized by the increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, by climate changes and deforestation. This crisis concerns also more tangible and touchable issues: smog and pollution; soil erosion, due to uncontrolled urbanization and bad land protection, and cause of floods and landslides; industrial pollution; and contamination of agricultural products.

In this sense, European socialism has to promote focused policies on environmental protection; and this effort should be done inside and outside the national and European institutions.

Within this framework, we have to fight the fierce urbanization and the erosion of our lands, we have to think about concrete solutions in order to protect the environment and defend nature, with a view to their promotion. For this reason, it could be important to think about a European regulation on crimes against the environment.

Furthermore, it is important to regulate carbon dioxide emissions, we could think about a Carbon Tax, useful also in order to finance welfare and social policies, **as well as on a revision of emissions trading scheme**; but we have also to think about limits to CO2 emissions and pollution in the city centers. **With regard to the contamination of agricultural products, we should also consider reorienting the European agrarist subsidies, which could be based on sustainable criteria.**

Finally, we have to consider the importance of the ecological transition. We have to promote the conversion to clean energy, supporting renewable energy plants, but also thinking about the problem of garbage and wastes, through the implementation of Zero waste policies.

The environmental issue is a wide problem and it needs a lot of consideration because it concerns the future of the world we inhabit. As Young European Socialist, we have to work hard for this issue and we have to be committed in this fight for the environment.