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Agenda Item: Addressing Health Issues Caused by Air Pollution

Air pollution is a universal problem and according to the World Health Organization millions of people die each year because of air pollution mostly due to asthma, cardiac problems and lung cancer.

France has been improving the air quality steadily since 2010 by greenhouse gas emissions reduction, carbon footprint reduction. The PM2.5 concentration of France has been reported to be 1.6 times higher than the World Health Organization's annual value. Which is an issue on which the measures are taken by addressing the challenges of decarbonization mitigation of and adaptation to climate change. France believes that air pollution can't be solved by a single country and international cooperation is important. We have taken significant steps by implementing policies such as Low Emission Zones, though LEZ's vehicles are ranked based on their emission levels and highly polluting vehicles are banned from our country. Moreover, France invested in sustainable public transportation which helps lower carbon emission and pretexts for the environment.

In terms of achieving the European climate objective by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050, France needs to take more serious steps and overcome air pollution. Even though there are measures that need to be taken individually by each nation; we believe that air pollution cannot be eliminated only by a nation but with international cooperation.