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It is an amazing feeling to be a part of this conference and representing France. As the delegation of France we are wishing to discuss and find logical solutions about our agenda item since our topic is very serious and needs to be discussed. France is a transcontinental country spanning Western Europe and overseas regions and territories in the Americas and the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans with67.39 million population.

Conflicts change people’s daily routines. When a conflict erupts; people start having problems in food, water, shelter and protection needs. Education is generally the first service interrupted. There are 32 million children, accounting for generations of them, unable to access education because of armed conflicts being an obstacle to the target. For children who do attend school, conflict can have a negative effect on educational attainment, increasing drop- out and reducing educational survival rates due to displacement, military recruitment or economic hardship.

There are no conflicts on France’s borders that’s why we don’t have any refugee flows from our borders but the refugees flowing from Africa to Europe also affects France negatively. On the other hand conflict in Ukraine causes another refugee flow to Western Europe. Refugee children coming from both regions also create education problems for France.

We should establish safety zones on their own country and improve preventions for education to solve problems more easily. If it is not possible we should set up camp sites on countries where they reach. It is the best choice to educate refugee children all together who speak same language and have similar education levels. Otherwise it is impossible to try to educate refugee children spread all over the country. Nevertheless we all know that the best solution is to try to stop the conflict immediately.

We have noticed that this problem should be solved and it is not a thing we can achieve on our own. France wishes to discuss and find sensible solutions for climate changing.