

**POINTS OF INTERVENTION
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Motion 1 (Against)

**Achieving sustainable development
requires more attention on human well-being and environmental preservation
than on economic growth**

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Speakers of Parliaments and Panelists,

- I would like to take this opportunity to convey that in order for us to attain sustainable development,
 - there needs to be a balance and integration between: ... social welfare, environmental protection, and economic development... without putting one above the others.
- We need a comprehensive approach between the three to attain sustainable development goals (SDGs).
- The world needs a balanced approach between economic, social, and environmental development, because:
 - Strong economic growth is needed to eliminate poverty and to carry out measures of environmental protection.
 - Strong economic growth is needed to improve access to healthcare and education, and to develop renewable energies.
- The pandemic has brought about the idea of the importance of us paying attention to the three different aspects and how they are closely linked: people, prosperity, and planet.
- Moreover, the pandemic is a momentum for us to correct the trajectory of our economic development and to make it greener and more inclusive.
- So that the world can become more resilient and better prepared in anticipating the potential of other pandemic and crisis in the future.
- Looking ahead, in the post-pandemic world, the economic development that we need... is one that allows us to achieve quality economic development... one that pursues not only growth in terms of number, but one that also
 - Promotes equity, creates jobs, and narrows down disparity,
 - Promotes environmental consciousness, and low carbon development.
- We do not need to put, in different extremes of an axis, high economic growth, environmental protection, and climate change adaptation.
 - We can achieve all three through the development of renewable energies.
 - Current technologies have enabled us to substitute fossil-based energies with solar, wind, water, or geothermal sources.
 - These new sectors have the potential to create jobs and, in turn, propel economic growth.
- And for that reason, we do not need to choose one between the others, between economic, social, and environmental development.

- We can pursue all three aspects of development... all at the same time... with the right policy... and with the leadership support of the Speakers of Parliaments.

Thank you.

CLOSING

I have listened to the views of your excellencies, Speakers of the Parliaments. There are several points that I would like to convey as my closing:

- The view that acknowledges the importance of having a balance between economic, social, and environmental pursuits has been reflected in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- SDGs show that attainment of the goals must be carried out in a comprehensive and complementary manner. The policies in one sector will affect the performance of the other sectors.
- Developed countries, having achieved a high level of public welfare, can shift their attention to efforts of environmental preservation.
- However, developing countries continue to be expected to demonstrate a balanced development in economy, social, and environmental sectors.
 - With the help of science and technology, we will be able to address all three aspects at the same time.
 - Developing countries need quality economic growth.... as we still need to work on eliminating poverty, overcome economic disparity, and improve access to education and healthcare.
- We are aware of the green economy concept, which allows economic development to transform into low-carbon development, to promote the reduction of environmental pollution, and to promote efficiency in the use of natural resources.
- We can turn challenges into opportunities. Green economy will create new jobs and can yield high economic growth.
- Green and inclusive economy offers an alternative for us to create prosperity for our people... and at the same time, to protect the environment, and to address the issues related to climate change.

Thank you.

Thank you.