

Development

Urbanisation and pollution in megacities

1. **Acknowledging** that megacities cover less than 2% of the Earth's surface and consume more than 75% of its resources,
2. **Bearing in mind** that it is predicted by 2050 about 64% of the developing world and 86% of the developed world will be urbanized,
3. **Considering** the claim made by the United Nations that nearly all global population growth from 2015 to 2030 will be occur in cities,
4. **Alarmed** by the air pollution episode in Beijing in the year 2013 that led to heavy polluting enterprises to reduce emission by 30% and the ban on outdoor sports activities for primary and middle schools,
5. **Concerned** that everyday 2 million tons of human waste are disposed into watercourses,
6. **Deeply disturbed** that 12.6% of deaths in Jakarta are linked to the polluted ambient air,
7. **Noting further** that The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) unit reported that air pollution resulted in the death of over 1 million people in 2012,
8. **Endorsing** the switch to cleaner means of mass public/personal transportation,
9. **Recalling** that 192 countries have signed and ratified 1997's Global Climate Treaty (Kyoto Protocol)