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Introduction:

As the global population rapidly increases, so does the demand and need for finite resources such as water, food for our families, jobs, oil to provide us power, etc.² Our Earth has a limited amount of things to offer us and it is our duty to regulate and protect these resources. It is foolish of us to manage the earth's resources but not regulate the populace who makes use them. We have already reached 10 billion people and the UN predicts we will reach 13 billion by 2062 and our situation will only worsen.²

National Actions:

Contrary to popular belief, Canada has no space to spare, every square foot is populated by uninhabitable tundra or already filled human construct. We have become too resource-dependent, a problem that will only worsen as the population increases. Our oil and mineral reserves are quickly depleting, and our fish industries are beginning to collapse.¹ The main factor of Canada's growing population is the steady flow of people immigrating to Canada.⁴ As a conservative country, Canada has not offered anything to promote safe sex and or birth control apart from having legalized abortion.³ We are also against using the death penalty to reduce the population of our country since we believe all human life is valuable.

International Actions:

Canada has focused most of its concerns on developing a sustainable and energy efficient society and has not done anything to resolve this issue in a worldwide manner. Meanwhile, countries like China and Iran have already begun to take action and have developed solutions like a childbirth limit or an effective family plan. Meanwhile countries like the U.S. have not done anything due to the heated debate surrounding the topic of how to solve overpopulation and also the large amount of people who do not believe that overpopulation is actually an issue. There are also countries like Brazil who have not done anything to fix the problem because they are too occupied with other issues like poverty, and high crime rates.

Recommendations:

Canada proposes that the UN should establish a worldwide program that offers many resources to help practice safe sex, and lectures about the necessity to be mindful of the carrying capacity of the world. Given that we are a conservative country this solution is not our first choice, but we have agreed that this is better than creating a death penalty that takes the lives of human beings. Canada believes it is essential for us to work together, not as separate nations, but as the

whole human race to solve the problems that prevent us from becoming a peaceful and flourishing world. We are afraid that if we don't act now this shared dream will never be reached.

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