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Republic of El Salvador

Topic A: Measures to be taken to ensure the use of affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy and its impact on climate change, with a focus on Latin America.



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Capital: San Salvador

Head of State: Nayib Bukele

Form of government: República democrática, representativa y soberana.

Economic, social and cultural situation:

El Salvador is an emerging middle-income economy whose economic activity is primarily driven by the services, manufacturing, trade and tourism sectors. In recent years, the country has promoted investment projects in infrastructure, renewable energy and technological modernisation with the aim of strengthening its competitiveness and economic growth.

Key economic indicators:

El Salvador has a GDP of 36 billion US dollars, with an inflation rate of 2% and an unemployment rate of around 5% (Centro de Estudios Internacionales Gilberto Bosques, n.d.).

Key economic sectors:

Among its relevant economic activities, the main economic sectors include commerce, transportation, telecommunications and financial services, and the following stand out:

- *Manufacturing:* Textiles, processed foods and beverages stand out.
- *Agriculture:* Production of coffee, sugar cane, corn and beans.

- *Tourism*: Growing sector driven by beaches, volcanoes and cultural heritage.
- *Energy*: Important participation of renewable energies, especially geothermal, hydroelectric and solar. (Centro de Estudios Internacionales Gilberto Bosques, n.d.)

Among the main social challenges are the reduction of poverty, the generation of quality employment, the strengthening of the educational system and the adaptation of vulnerable communities to the effects of climate change.

Social policies implemented:

Their community development programs have expanded access to basic services, strengthened educational infrastructure, and promoted the creation of sustainable projects.

Development of the topic (please note that this should be done for each topic):

Background to the issue

Access to affordable and sustainable energy is essential for the economic and social development of nations. According to the United Nations (UN, 2015), Sustainable Development Goal 7 aims to “ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all”. However, dependence on fossil fuels continues to contribute to rising greenhouse gas emissions and the worsening of climate change.

In Latin America, the transition to renewable energy represents an opportunity to drive sustainable growth, strengthen energy security and reduce environmental impacts. According to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC, 2023), the energy transition is a key tool for promoting more sustainable and resilient development models. The Republic of El Salvador believes that this transition must be carried out equitably, ensuring that all countries have access to technology, financing and international cooperation.

The Republic of El Salvador's foreign and domestic policy on this issue

El Salvador has promoted the development of renewable energy, particularly through the use of geothermal and hydroelectric resources, with the aim of diversifying its energy mix and reducing its reliance on fossil fuels. According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA, 2023), El Salvador ranks as one of the Latin American countries with the greatest potential for geothermal energy generation.

At the international level, the country supports multilateral efforts to combat climate change and



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strengthen cooperation between states, particularly in the areas of financing, technology transfer and sustainable development.

Proposals for addressing the issue

The Republic of El Salvador proposes strengthening international financing mechanisms for renewable energy projects in developing countries. It also promotes regional technical cooperation programmes to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and best practices in the energy sector.

Finally, the delegation considers it important to promote education and awareness campaigns on the responsible use of energy, as well as to expand access to clean technologies that contribute to a sustainable and resilient energy transition.

Further details:

The Republic of El Salvador believes that the energy transition must be guided by the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. It also emphasises the importance of ensuring that developing countries have access to finance, technology transfer and specialised training to implement long-term sustainable projects.

The delegation is willing to collaborate with other Member States in establishing regional energy cooperation mechanisms that will strengthen Latin American energy security and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

It is recommended to develop between 3 and 5 proposals, which answer the questions: what?, how?, when?, where? and why?

Note: *This Position Paper was written in 912 words, including 500 words for the country introduction and 500 words for the first topic. If your event includes two agenda items, the word limit will be 1500 words.*



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