

### **This Union Notes**

1. 150,000 people already die every year from climate change.
2. The impact of climate change on some wildlife will already be catastrophic even with little further change in the climate. Up to a third of land-based species could face extinction by the middle of the century.
3. The ten warmest years ever measured world-wide have all occurred since 1990. 1998 was the warmest of the previous 1000 years.
4. During the 1960s there were 16 climate-related natural disasters. During the 1990s there were 70.
5. By 2025 over half of all people living in developing countries will be 'highly vulnerable' to floods and storms.
6. Climate change will place an additional 80-120 million people at risk of hunger, 70 to 80 per cent of these will be in Africa.

### **This Union Further Notes**

1. The altruistic nature of LUSU.
2. That many students at Lancaster University are from underdeveloped nations directly effected by climate change and support for 'Stop Climate Chaos' would benefit their home nations.
3. Climate Change will cause flooding to low-lying parts of the UK including London and the Carleton night Club in Morecambe.
4. That LUSU has made considerable efforts toward the 'Fair Trade' campaign and attaining 'Fair Trade' status for the university as well as supporting last years Make Poverty History Campaign.

### **This Union Believes**

1. The UK government must meet its target of cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 20% by 2010 and commit to an EU wide target of 30% by 2020. This is best achieved with a 3% year-on-year reduction until safe levels are achieved, as determined by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
2. The UK government must make climate change a top international priority so that global warming is capped at a temperature rise of 2°C. This will require global emissions to be irreversibly declining by 2015.
3. The government must ensure that its policies on combating global poverty include investing in low carbon technologies and clean energy and providing assistance to the developing world to adapt to climate change.

### **This Union Resolves**

1. To work to ensure that the Stop Climate Chaos commitments are fulfilled by supporting campaigns of NGOs and lobbying government officials.
2. To support the Stop Climate Chaos campaigns.
3. To publicise the Stop Climate Chaos campaign on the LUSU web sites and in Scan.
4. To encourage JCRs/GSA and societies to engage in this valuable cause.
5. To Mandate the LUSU President on behalf of LUSU, to write a letter to the MP for Lancaster and Wyre asking him to support the Stop Climate Chaos Campaign.
6. To Mandate the LUSU President on behalf of LUSU, to write a letter to the NUS NEC asking them to support and to affiliate to the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition.
7. To lobby the University to reduce its emissions by 3% a year to help prevent climate change.