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CLIMATE CHANGE: INTERNATIONAL POLICIES AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS

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Climate change poses an immediate and widespread threat to life on Earth, due to its impacts on global habitats. Through different global political regimes, policymakers and scientists alike have tried to mitigate the environmental effects of climate change, striving for international cooperation. This panel will discuss current international agreements related to climate change and their effectiveness in protecting ecosystems and communities. The first paper will discuss the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in relation to ocean acidification. The second paper will look at climate change in the Amazon rainforest and REDD+, an international regime to prevent deforestation. Finally, the third paper will discuss Arctic habitat change and indigenous rights as addressed through various multilateral agreements.