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Our imaginary country

In 2015, the United Nations (UN) developed goals to achieve a better future for the planet and society to be met according to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP, 2023) by the year 2030. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aim to achieve “social, economic and environmental sustainability” according to the UNDP (2023). As an active member of the UN, Crystalia has developed three development and sustainability goals for its country based on the 17 goals presented by the organization, which are: Good health and well-being, Quality education, and Responsible consumption and production. The country of Crystalia is located in South America. It is a country with abundant natural resources such as crystal clear waters, with abundant flora and fauna. It is a warm and sunny place, with a peaceful and harmonious society. This country uses its natural resources in a respectful way to fulfill its development and sustainability. Its general objective is that its inhabitants have health and education.

The UN presented 17 SDGs as the basis of its development and sustainability project, which are presented in the following order: No poverty, Zero hunger, Good health and well-being, Quality education, Gender equality, Clean water and sanitation, Affordable and clean energy, Decent work and economic growth, Industry, innovation and infrastructure, Reduced inequalities, Sustainable cities and communities, Responsible consumption and production, Climate action, Life below water, Life on land, Peace, justice and strong institutions, Partnerships for the goals (UNDP, 2023). The first objective in Crystalia is Good health and well-being, which seeks that citizens have free access to health services in order to achieve a

low mortality rate and a higher birth rate. In order to achieve the well-being of the population of Crystalia, we will take care not only of the physical health of each citizen, but also of their mental health. We seek to have a country free of drug and alcohol abuse. We also hope to have a lower rate of deaths and injuries due to automobile accidents by having a safe country to live in. To meet this objective, Crystalia's second objective is essential, which focuses on education so that citizens are educated on how to take care of their health and well being.

Another of the sustainable development objectives that we promote at Crystalia is Quality Education. To achieve this goal of a city with a good quality of study, you can do me by implementing a change in the way in which students should be taught, for example that all schools are trained to teach people with disabilities, improving educational facilities and having better transportation for students who do not have transportation resources. This will help students have a better learning environment and learn to interact with people with disabilities, giving them an integration into society. This would have a better impact on students to improve their integration into university life and working life. “A quality education must consider the student as an active participant and a central part of the educational effort, children and adolescents bring things to the educational environment and to the group of which they are a part. They bring a diversity of experiences, characteristics, skills, and conditions that reflect both their current and previous situations, and that present obstacles as well as opportunities for the way they learn. Soft skills are those attributes or characteristics of a person that allow them to interact with others effectively. They are the result of a combination of social skills, communication, way of being, approaching others and other factors that, in order to develop, will require the will to pay more attention to the way we relate to others” (World Vision, 2021). The environment is also one of its most

important points because the better the environment, the better chance there is for you to have better integration and better learning. Quality education is very important because it is a process that people go through from a young age, and it is what they use as adults. That is why at Crystalia we want you to have the best quality of study for the future of citizens.

Finally, another Sustainable Development Goal that we should promote in Crystalia is responsible production and consumption. To achieve a more sustainable city, we must encourage sustainable mobility, which can be achieved using bicycles and public transportation and policies that reduce emissions from transport vehicles. This will not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but also improve air quality and citizens' health. The circular economy can be an effective strategy for reducing environmental impact by promoting responsible waste management and recycling and reuse of materials. To engage citizens, we can create collaboration spaces to work together to promote sustainable practices. Additionally, it is important to implement policies and regulations that require sustainable and responsible production practices and create incentives for companies to adopt more sustainable practices. We can promote responsible production and consumption practices, such as sustainable agriculture, the use of energy-efficient technologies, the promotion of the use of local and sustainable products, and environmental awareness among citizens. To reduce food waste, we can implement education and awareness programs and promote composting and the reduction of single-use plastics. We can also create incentive programs for companies that adopt sustainable practices and reduce their carbon footprint. For example, establish tax credits for companies that adopt sustainable practices and reduce their energy and water consumption. There are many strategies we can implement to promote responsible production and consumption in Crystalia. By working together and making

significant changes in our way of life and production, we can build a more sustainable and equitable city for everyone.

In conclusion, as stated by the United Nations (2015), "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all." Crystalia's identification of Good health and well-being, Quality education, and Responsible consumption and production as key priorities for its development and sustainability align with these global goals, reflecting its commitment to creating a better future for its citizens and the planet (United Nations, 2015). Through its initiatives focused on improving access to health services, promoting inclusive and quality education, and implementing sustainable production and consumption practices, Crystalia is striving to achieve a more prosperous, equitable, and environmentally responsible society. By working together and taking concrete actions towards these goals, Crystalia is dedicated to ensuring healthy lives, promoting well-being for all, and contributing to global efforts to achieve the SDGs by 2030. It is through collective efforts, collaboration, and sustainable practices that Crystalia aims to create a brighter and more sustainable future for its people and future generations (United Nations, 2015).

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