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1. Title: Developing nations face environmental crisis from e-waste

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2. Define the Topic:

E-waste refers to the problem of improperly disposed of electronics such as computers, televisions and cell phones. These devices are made with highly toxic metals, plastics and chemicals that can leach into the environment if not handled carefully.

3. Is the author qualified?

No, the author is merely a staff writer that is summarizing and pulling resources from alternate resources.

4. Are the opinions cited from qualified experts?

No, the data and comments were reported from Achim Steiner, U.N. under-secretary general and executive director of UNEP, in a statement. (A political advisor/spokes person for the UN.)

5. Can you find any hints of political or emotional interests?

Yes, most of the statements and focus were on nations like China, India and Latin America. For example, e-waste from old computers is expected to jump from 2007 levels by 200% to 400% in South Africa and China and by 500% in India.

6. Are the graphics misleading?

No graphics were used in the article other than a remedial logo of a green earth type visual to categorize under environmental concerns.

7. Can you detect his/her attitude towards the issue at hand?

Attitude is more of a cautious stand-point and more or less merely providing data on an informational standpoint only.

8. Was the write persuasive enough to sway your position?

Not really since the writer didn't necessary provide any solutions to solve the problem and any of the supporting articles didn't provide any further elaboration as to solutions to resolve. Therefore it was merely highlighting the concerns and the ever-growing issues surrounding this topic. However it did point out a potential issue that will arise, but again the projections weren't backed up with the supporting statistical research data.

9. Do you feel the writer communicated the scientific information in a way that promotes a healthy understanding of the issue at hand and that the public will be better informed of the issue?

Not really, since the article itself was a little vague and didn't necessarily deliver any futerh information other than some vague statical data around percentages of theoretical increase rates over the next 10 years.