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Tragic Events

I'm a girl who lives in Tomelloso, a small town in Spain whose inhabitants mainly work in the fields, and I'm going to tell you the story of the last few harvests.

It all began with the heat wave caused by climate change that hit our country last year, during the incredible period of forty-one days. This extraordinary event made the summer of 2022 the hottest in more than a hundred years.

When I was younger, an old man moved into the house next to mine, and we have become friends, we usually talk several times a day. He is so kind. This neighbour had a piece of land with vines he used to harvest every October. The grapes should have ripened between August and September, but the high temperatures caused the harvest to ripen early. He had to invest more money than he had thought. To make matters worse, ten per cent of the grapes were damaged and the price went up.

In the end, my neighbour had to sell his land because he couldn't make up for the damage. This was the situation of many farmers in my town and in Castilla-La Mancha in general. In fact, throughout the region, grape production was thirty per cent lower than in 2021.

The extreme temperatures have also affected many people and animals. Last summer, people suffered heatstroke and fainted, and many animals died.

For these and other similar situations, we need to be aware that climate change affects everyone and we need to do something to stop it. It's an EMERGENCY!

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