



American Model United Nations

General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in
the field of natural disasters, from relief to
development

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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1 *Recognizing* that natural disasters are unpredictable, unavoidable, know no borders,
2 and present a threat to all countries,
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4 *Deeply convinced* that risk-reducing preventative measures are essential to lessen the
5 harmful impact of natural disasters on a nation's people,
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7 *Bearing in mind* that cooperation from the international community is necessary for
8 any effective relief effort,
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10 *Taking into consideration* the directives of the United Nations Charter,
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12 *Expecting* all countries to adhere to the guidelines expressed in article two section
13 four and article two section seven of the United Nations Charter,
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15 *Fully aware* of state sovereignty issues with regards to Non-Government
16 Organization (NGO) involvement within the realm of disaster relief,
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18 *Reminding* the international community that the establishment of infrastructure both
19 limits the damage that would have been caused by a natural disaster and bolsters the
20 recovery of the affected areas,
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22 *Further reminding* the international community that additional aid is essential to the
23 completion of the Millennium Development Goals,
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25 *Firmly believing* that all foreign aid for disaster response should be coordinated by
26 the receiving state or given with the explicate permission of the state to a separate party,
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28 *Recognizing* the importance of both genders in natural disaster relief efforts,
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30 1. *Recommends* the implementation of sustainable development practices such as
31 agriculture, industrial infrastructure, housing development, water distribution systems,
32 and transportation, through both internal and regional coordination efforts;

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34 2. *Supports* cooperation of neighboring states to:

35 (a) Coordinate response efforts;

36 (b) Participate in strategy sharing conferences similar to that of the Regional Office
37 for Asia in the Pacific (ROAP);

38 (c) Engage in regional communication efforts to identify the most efficient ways to
39 distribute needed resources such as food, water, medicine, and shelter related
40 materials;

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42 3. *Approves* the use of state sponsored educational services to increase preparedness
43 and prevention through the development of:

44 (a) Adult education programs teaching basic first aid, emergency response, sanitary
45 food preparation, food storage, grief counseling, and regular drills and exercises;

46 (b) K-12 education programs teaching appropriate emergency response through
47 simple ideas such as duck and cover techniques;

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49 4. *Encourage* the use of internal state incentives, such as tax exemptions, loan
50 guarantees, or government expressed endorsement with funding for developing countries
51 obtained via foreign aid for the purposes of:

52 (a) Increasing the amount of clean energy industries;

53 (b) Reducing human contribution to the problem of climate change;

54 (c) And furthering causes that will prevent drastic or dangerous changes to climate
55 patterns;

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57 5. *Suggests* the creation of an international database of community organization
58 contacts, particularly in disaster-prone areas, to be available to non-governmental,
59 international organizations, and Members States to facilitate improved communication
60 between the international community and local volunteers during times of imminent
61 natural disaster and subsequent recovery efforts;

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63 6. *Calls upon* Member States to increase promotion and advertising for personal,
64 corporate, and governmental contribution to disaster prevention/relief efforts;

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66 7. *Invites* Member States to create or support independent agencies for the purpose of
67 employing specialized expertise in allocation of received monetary and human resources;

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69 8. *Emphasizes* the importance of cooperation between NGO and state governments
70 with regards to disaster relief and disaster prevention education to ensure that state
71 sovereignty is not contested;

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73 9. *Urges* Member States to come together for a summit to address the technology gap
74 between developed and developing nations in regards to natural disaster early warning,
75 damage limiting, and response efforts;

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77 10. *Encourages* the international community to support any nation seeking to
78 enhance technological resources within their state by way of monetary donations,

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79 equipment, technology sharing.

Passed, Yes: 54 / No: 26 / Abstain: 16

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