



American Model United Nations General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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1 *Noting* the importance of advancements in achieving the goals outlined in the United Nations
2 Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement,

3 *Reaffirming* that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, ,

4 *Reminding* the international community of each Member State's human right to a clean, healthy
5 and sustainable environment, as noted in resolution 76/300,

6 *Highlighting* innovative technologies in the clean energy sector that increase the capacity for
7 Member States to provide healthy and sustainable resources, such as but not limited to harnessing
8 tidal energy in our oceans through buoy models, offshore wind power, and solar energy,

9 *Acknowledging* that, due to various geographic and economic advantages, different Member
10 States are more or less suited to particular forms of clean energy production, including hydroelectric,
11 wind and solar power,

12 *Gravely concerned* that 220 million peoples are internally displaced and that an additional 20
13 million peoples are internationally displaced each year, approximately a 41 percent increase from 2008,

14 *Acknowledging* the shift from fossil fuels and reducing the strain on energy and water resources
15 used by all Member states, including the Green Climate Fund and resources mobilized by the Economic
16 and Social Council, to support developing countries in achieving their energy transition goals,

17 *Recognizing* that the achievement of sustainable development in clean energy is a critical com-
18 ponent of achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 3 (Good Health and
19 Wellbeing), Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and
20 Goal 13 (Climate Action),

21 1. *Calls upon* the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to consider broadening
22 the purview of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's (UNECE) Committee on Sustain-
23 able Energy beyond a regional level and become a global body which provides support to Member
24 States to develop innovative, renewable energy infrastructure and provides expertise on cleaner elec-
25 tricity systems;

26 2. *Recommends* the utilization of the 1.4 trillion dollars noted in the 2024 Energy Compacts An-
27 nual Progress Reports from Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement, by
28 the Economic and Social Council in 2024 to support current United Nations institutions for collabora-
29 tion in providing technical assistance, knowledge sharing and financial resources to support capacity-
30 building initiatives, particularly in developing as well as further developed island Member States;

31 3. *Further recommends* the implementation of regional resource centers at the consent of en-
32 gaged Member States, with the contribution of technology and personnel overseen by the United Na-
33 tions Environment Programme (UNEP) allowing:

34 (a) Investigation of best practices of each region to allocate the appropriate resources;

35 (b) The United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security to pro-
36 vide the opportunity for the regional centers to receive global oversight;

37 (c) Collaboration with United Nations Country Teams to advise on each Member State's
38 regional capacity;

39 4. *Invites* the expansion of the Mandate of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human
40 Rights and Environment to include the following:

41 (a) Investigative powers regarding violations of the human right to a clean, healthy and
42 sustainable environment;

43 (b) Access to a list of known environmental human rights violations;

44 (c) The authority to establish regional environmental human rights reviews;

45 5. *Calls upon* States to provide incentives for sustainable partnership with private corporations
46 that work within their borders by:

47 (a) Awarding incentives using a tiered system based on their net carbon emissions;

48 (b) Using aforementioned State NDCs resulting from the Paris Agreement to support
49 development of renewable energy resources in developing States;

50 (c) Developing and expanding solar, wind, tidal and hydropower systems into develop-
51 ing States to provide a head start to renewable energy within these Member States using the funds;

52 (d) This fund should be overseen by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
53 to ensure no misuse of funds;

54 6. *Requests* the United Nations Refugee Agency to expand the definition of the term 'refugee' to
55 include those who have already been impacted by climate change negatively;

56 7. *Recommends* the establishment of a special protocol to provide temporary protective sta-
57 tus for individuals and families that are forcibly displaced by climate impact and that Member States
58 prioritize their rights, protection and resettlement according to the standards of international human
59 rights.

Passed, Yes: 65 / No: 8 / Abstain: 14