

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: General and Complete Disarmament: Implementation of the Convention of the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

SUBMITTED TO: The First Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Brazil, Guinea, Jordan, Turkmenistan

The First Committee

1 *Recalling* United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 54/54B, 55/33, and 56/24M, which
2 recommend action regarding both adherence to the principles of the Ottawa Convention and
3 general de-mining action worldwide,

4 *Recognizing* the entry into force of the Ottawa Convention in 1999,

5 *Deeply Concerned* by the deaths of 15,000 to 20,000 people, as well as the thousands more who
6 are killed annually as result of anti-personnel landmines,

7 *Noting* with regret the continued threat posed to innocent populations worldwide by the
8 continued use of anti-personnel mines.

9 *Recognizing* the role of non-state actors in the proliferation of anti-personnel land mines, as well
10 as the link to the illegal small arms trade;

11 *Recognizing* the right of all Member States to defense of their territory,

12 1. *Applauds* current efforts by many member states that have contributed time, training, and
13 personnel to mine-affected areas;

14 2. *Encourages* all Member States who are able to do so to contribute to the efforts of mine
15 action;

16 3. *Further Applauds* the advancement of technology in the field of mine detection and
17 removal, and encourages the sharing of that technology between countries in the interest
18 of humanitarian issues;

- 19 4. *Encourages* member states that have not done so to sign and ratify the Ottawa
20 Convention;
- 21 5. *Suggests* that humanitarian aid be given to countries affected by anti-personnel
22 landmines;
- 23 6. *Further Suggests* that this aid be used both for the aid of mine victims, and also for the
24 purposes of the education of the populations of these countries concerning anti-personnel
25 mines;
- 26 7. *Encourages* further aid and assistance to countries currently affected by anti-personnel
27 mines for the purposes of de-mining;
- 28 8. *Recommends* that Member States institute physical protection of existing stockpiles in the
29 interest of preventing proliferation;
- 30 9. *Encourages* Member States to contribute wherever possible to the research into more
31 humane alternatives to the use of anti-personnel mines.

Final Vote: 53 in favor / 34 opposed / 11 abstentions