

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: Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Haiti, Costa Rica, Thailand, Afghanistan

The First Committee

- 1 *Fully Aware* of the fact that one land-mine exists for every seventeen children,
2 *Deeply concerned* that eighty-five percent of children injured due to land-mines die before they
3 reach the hospital,
4 *Emphasizing* the importance of educating civilians, particularly children, in reducing the risk of
5 civilian casualties due to land-mines,
6 *Recalling* the success of land-mine education programs in nations such as Thailand and
7 Guatemala,
8 *Recognizing* the need to further train the facilitators of civilian education,
9 *Aware* of the importance of educating medical personnel on how to best prepare for and treat
10 injuries due to land-mines,
11 *Realizing* the importance of training current and future de-mining volunteers and experts,
12 *Fully aware* that training may be antiquated or inapplicable to current technologies or regional
13 conditions,
14 *Deeply concerned* with the cost incurred for developing nations in training personnel for
15 de-mining outside their prospective regions,
16 1. *Endorses* the expansion of funding to the UNMAS specifically for the purposes of
17 educating civilians, de-mining experts, and medical personnel;

- 18 2. *Requests* the formation of Regional Training Centers, under the auspices of the UNMAS,
19 to proceed with land-mine education in each of the following areas:
- 20 3. *Takes note* that this will help train people regardless of literacy, language, and culture;
- 21 4. *Requests* the education of civilian facilitators about land-mines including information on
22 what a mine-field is, how to recognize one and what to do if afflicted by a mine while
23 waiting for help to arrive;
- 24 5. *Calls upon* the regional education of volunteer and expert medical personnel to be trained
25 on basic life saving and rehabilitative methods of treating mine victims and about the
26 different types of land-mines and the various injuries that they inflict,
- 27 6. *Further calls upon* the regional training of de-miners to be trained about the new land-
28 mines that are being developed and the dissemination of information about the new
29 research and technology that can be used to de-mine the regions,
- 30 7. *Further recognizing* that the Regional Training Centers, by their very nature, will have
31 the ability to distribute regionally specific information that will allow for expedient and
32 cost-effective training that will be culturally relevant to each region;
- 33 8. *Encourages* all States with the ability to contribute who wish to participate in the
34 training, to donate generously for this purpose;
- 35 9. *Recommends* that each country will allocate a portion of the money that they are
36 currently using for land-mine training to the Regional Training Centers;
- 37 10. *Further recommends* that the exact location of the training centers be determined by the
38 vote of the participating members.

Final Vote: 53 in favor / 24 opposed / 15 abstentions