

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 General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: The First Committee

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- 1 *Recognizing* the destructive effects of land mines upon innocent civilians
- 2 *Recognizing* states whose sovereignty is in dispute
- 3 *Respecting* every sovereign nations' right to defense
- 4 *Reaffirming* the call for states to solve disputes diplomatically rather than militarily as expressed
- 5 in Article 2, sections 3 and 4 of the United Nations Charter
- 6 *Acknowledging* the signing and ratification of the Mine Ban Treaty by member states
- 7 *Bearing in mind* unwanted foreign occupiers who have left land mines in the occupied state are
- 8 responsible for their land mine problem;
- 9 1. *Calls upon* member states to assist mine affected countries in national programs for
- 10 victim assistance as well as providing direct humanitarian aid;
- 11 2. *Urges* those nations directly responsible for the placement of land mines to accept their
- 12 role and either fund the removal or merely remove their placed mines as long as that
- 13 assistance is requested and voluntarily acceded to;
- 14 3. *Encourages* member states to research conventional alternative forms of defense;
- 15 4. *Calls upon* countries to create and improve de-mining initiatives and technologies;

- 16 5. *Recommends* the voluntary sharing of demining technology between member states,
17 6. *Strongly urges* member states who have placed land mines outside of their borders to
18 furnish maps to countries where they have placed those mines;
- 19 7. *Encourages* unilateral and multilateral, United Nations sponsored or non-governmental
20 organizations actions to remove unwanted land mines;
- 21 8. *Recommends* that when a state finds and validates an alternative to mines, they begin the
22 process of de-mining stockpiles of mines.

Final Vote: 38 in favor / 31 opposed / 22 abstentions