



American Model United Nations  
**Second Committee**

GA 2nd/I/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Convention on Biological Diversity  
SUBMITTED TO: The Second Committee  
SUBMITTED BY: Denmark, Egypt, Indonesia, Morocco, Netherlands,  
Nigeria, Russia, South Africa, Turkey

*The Second Committee*

1           *Recalling* its resolutions 59/236 on 28 February 2005 and 58/212 of 11 March  
2 2004 on the Convention on Biological Diversity,

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4           *Deeply disturbed* by the number of species (plant and animal) threatened by  
5 environmental degradation, including but not limited to 24% of all mammals, 12% of all  
6 birds, and 34,000 plant species,

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8           *Emphasizing* the value of biodiversity in mitigating the effects of natural disasters  
9 and promoting healthy ecosystems,

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11           *Recognizing* the importance of the World Bank's cost assessment of  
12 environmental degradation,

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14           *Noting with concern* issues such as the greenhouse effect, desertification, soil  
15 erosion, pollution of water and forest, and loss of coral reefs and marine life as  
16 recognized in the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro,

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18           *Keeping in mind* the importance of local communities in sustaining biological  
19 diversity,

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21           *Alarmed* by global warming effects, the loss of arable land, the increase in  
22 deforestation, and their correlation to the increase in poverty,

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24           *Fully aware* that the transfer of invasive species through international trade is  
25 contributing to the extinction of species,

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27           *Deeply concerned* with the economic and technological challenges faced by  
28 developing countries when attempting to conserve their biological diversity,

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30           *Reiterating* the need to encourage economic growth while promoting biological  
31 diversity,

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33           *Recognizing* the importance of microcredit and microfinance in creating a strong  
34 economic infrastructure which in turn supports sustainable development,  
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## 36 **I. Education and Aid**

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38           1. *Encourages* all nations to provide environmental information to their specific  
39 regions and form national awareness programs to encourage the communities within the  
40 nation to share the responsibility of protecting the environment and conserving resources;  
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42           2. *Reaffirms* the significance of ongoing efforts at the regional and subregional  
43 levels in support of accomplishing the goals of the Convention for Biological Diversity;  
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45           3. *Suggests* additional allocation of funds from member nations, NGOs and  
46 private donors for the struggle to prevent further drought, and loss of arable land, coral  
47 reefs, and biological diversity;  
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49           4. *Calls upon* the United Nations to form environmental bilateral partnerships  
50 between the governments of economically and technologically sufficient nations and the  
51 countries that need significant aid towards making improvements on their own;  
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53           5. *Recommends* that the nations report their partnerships within the time period of  
54 one year to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) within the Department  
55 of Economic and Social Affairs;  
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## 57 **II. New establishments and existing infrastructure**

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59           1. *Calls for* the creation of a more extensive network to promote sharing of  
60 technology and aid to meet the 2010 goals outlined in the Convention for Biological  
61 Diversity:  
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63                   (a) Increase infrastructure support tailored to each state's needs to  
64 accommodate environmentally sound technologies to support increased biodiversity,  
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66                   (b) Training local communities in environmentally sound technologies,  
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68                   (c) The transfer of environmentally sound technologies, especially in the  
69 areas of access to clean water and irrigation;  
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71           2. *Recommends* collaboration between the Millennium Development Goals and  
72 the goals of the Convention of Biological Diversity recognizing the parallels between the  
73 two;  
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75           3. *Emphasizes* necessity of establishing the International Biodiversity Data Bank  
76 (IBDB) and the World Gene Bank (WGB) under the Biosafety Clearing House to  
77 preserve genetic resources in danger of extinction;

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4. *Further invites* the use of the Global Invasive Species Program to provide financial and technological support to States in order to combat the international transfer of non-native species;

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### **III.Regulation**

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1. *Recommends* that the nations provide annual updates on their progress towards achieving their individual goals to the UNEP;

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2. *Encourages* replenishment of deforested areas based on the World Bank's assessment;

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3. *Urges* member nations to acknowledge and respect the rights of indigenous people to their resources and the State's sovereignty;

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4. *Welcomes* member nations that have not done so to sign and ratify the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol, and Kyoto Protocol.

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Passed, Yes: 67 / No: 4 / Abstain: 15