



*American Model United Nations*  
**Second Committee**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Natural Disasters and Vulnerability

SUBMITTED TO: The Second Committee

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*The Second Committee*

1        *Recalling* the Yokohama Strategy and the Plan of Action for a Safer World and  
2 Hyogo Framework 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to  
3 Disasters, which provide guidelines for disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation, and  
4 relief,

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6        *Recognizing* the work of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and the  
7 Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery which help to implement the  
8 guidelines aforementioned,

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10       *Noting with approval* the efforts of the Office of the Coordination of  
11 Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Health Organization (WHO), World Food  
12 Program (WFP), Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), United Nations Department  
13 for Safety and Security (UNDSS), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and  
14 all other relevant United Nations agencies,

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16       *Understanding* that resources are limited in developing countries and thus  
17 benefited by regional cooperation to pull together and facilitate disaster relief  
18 infrastructure,

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20       *Convinced* that regional cooperation will provide greater security to all who suffer  
21 from similar disasters,

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23       *Encouraging* the development of the “culture of prevention,” which informs and  
24 educates people on the importance disaster preparedness,

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26       *Affirming* that while all cultures are affected by natural disaster, developing  
27 countries have certain vulnerabilities which magnify the effects when a natural disaster  
28 strikes,

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30       1. *Recommends* the Economic and Social Council create or update of Natural

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31 Disaster Plans with the co-operation and collaboration from the Red Cross, International  
32 Federation of the Red Cross or the Red Crescent;

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34 2. *Further recommends* the Economic and Social Council build upon these  
35 discussions and form effective regional centers that can coordinate efforts in solving  
36 issues pertaining to economies hindered by natural disasters:

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38 (a) Disaster prevention, in that information and studies of environmental  
39 factors pertaining to natural disasters which can devastate economies and be a cost  
40 effective solution to developing nations with low funds;

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42 (b) Encourage preparedness by spreading the use of early warning  
43 technologies to decrease the effect of natural disasters throughout regions;

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45 (c) Through mitigation, in that the appropriate resources are allocated  
46 towards more long term effects such as infrastructure damage and ecological vulnerability  
47 in order to sustain development;

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49 (d) Relief, in that immediate response should occur within the first crucial  
50 hours in determining the impact of the disaster which can quickly restabilize the  
51 economy;

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53 3. *Realizes* the importance of establishing cooperative centers in non-targeted  
54 zones in order to ensure the protection of the resource materials allocated to the region as  
55 defined by the United Nations Department for Safety and Security (UNDSS);

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57 4. *Acknowledges* the importance of pre-existing regional bodies that allow for  
58 equal representation and use by these bodies to implement regional cooperation and  
59 support such as but not limited to the African Union, the Asian Partnership of Strategy,  
60 and the European Commission;

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62 5. *Invites* nations to form regional disaster forums which includes equal  
63 representation from member states so that they can discuss the major concerns that affect  
64 their region and aid one another when such disasters occur;

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66 6. *Recommends* the World Bank fund the distribution centers and stockpiles,  
67 through the mandate of regional bodies and non-governmental organizations, that will:

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69 (a) *Recognize* that to prevent a large scale disaster from becoming multiple  
70 and complex due to subsequent and secondary disasters, it is necessary to provide quick  
71 and efficient international assistance through the deposit of multiple storage depots which  
72 will provide immediate access to supplies upon occurrence of national disasters;

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74 (b) *Invites* the Red Cross, International Federation, or the Red Crescent to  
75 expedite the distribution of needed medical and emergency supplies;

77           7 . Additionally *Recommends* the United Nations, international financial bodies  
78 as well as regional banks and other regional and international organizations support  
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80                   (a) A swift and efficient response to disaster ridden countries  
81 through disaster relief efforts including contributions from member states and other  
82 international financial organs to United Nations Trust Fund and the Central Emergency  
83 Recovery Fund;  
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85                   (b) Quick distribution of monetary aide to disaster-stricken countries in  
86 post-disaster recovery;  
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88                   (c) Accordance with the World Bank and the International Strategy for  
89 Disaster Reduction Partnership;  
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91           8. *Recommends* the use of Transparency International to implement and  
92 supervise the immediate distribution of international aide in the wake of a natural disaster  
93 at the acceptance of the Nation.

Passed, Yes: 53 / No: 22 / Abstain: 20