



American Model United Nations
Fourth Committee

GA 4th/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Assistance in Mine Action

SUBMITTED TO: The Fourth Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Barbados, Bulgaria, Canada, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Paraguay, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Switzerland, Tanzania, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Yemen, Zimbabwe

The Fourth Committee

1 *Determined* to put an end to the casualties and suffering caused by anti-personnel
2 mines, particularly cluster munitions, and unexploded ordinances (UXOs) that kill and
3 maim hundreds of innocent civilians every week, including women and children, obstruct
4 economic development and reconstruction efforts, and inhibit the repatriation of refugees
5 and internally displaced persons,
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7 *Recalling* the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling,
8 Production, and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction (commonly
9 known as the Mine Ban Treaty), as well as relevant United Nation resolutions, including
10 A/RES/60/83 and A/RES/58/53,
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12 *Recognizing* that there are numerous obstacles, including financial, technical and
13 environmental issues, that work against nations meeting their obligations under Article
14 Five of the Mine Ban Treaty,
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16 *Reaffirming* the determination of the General Assembly to work with all nations
17 for the elimination of all land mines and UXOs affecting civilians around the world,
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19 *Noting* that most deaths and injuries cause by the aforementioned devices are
20 civilian women and children,
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22 *Stressing* the fact that a large number of the injuries involving land mines are
23 preventable with proper clearing techniques, as well as safety education for those living in
24 regions affected by land mines and for land mine survivors,
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26 *Further stressing* the economic impact of unusable land due to the presence of
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1. *Encourages* Member States currently engaged in conflicts where land mines are used to pursue an expeditious and lasting resolution of such conflicts;

2. *Urges* all nations that have not yet signed the Mine Ban Treaty and the Convention on Cluster Munitions to do so as soon as possible;

3. *Reminds* all nations who are members of the Mine Ban Treaty of their obligations under Article Six of that treaty to provide assistance to nations that require it in areas including mine clearance, destruction of mine stockpiles, treatment of mine victims, and mine education;

4. *Commends* those nations that have supported others with needed assistance in order to help them comply with the obligations of the Mine Ban Treaty;

5. *Calls for* the United Nations Mine Action Service to take appropriate measures to increase awareness of issues relating to land mine clearance and stockpile destruction among potential donors to organizations that would fund such efforts, with the aim of reducing the number of nations that cannot get needed assistance to comply with the obligations of the Mine Ban Treaty due to the global community being unaware of their needs;

6. *Recommends* that all Member States adopt their own short-term standards for mine clearance and stockpile destruction that work towards the long-term standards called for by the Mine Ban Treaty, and to report to the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) on their progress in meeting those standards, in order to ensure that potential problems can be identified and acted upon quickly;

7. *Further urges* all nations to take full advantage of the Mine Action Support Group (MASG) in order to more effectively share information and technology as well as new techniques for dealing with land mines, and to develop their own national educational and technology-sharing programs alongside the MASG;

8. *Emphasizes* the need for all nations to promote and support the transfer of technology and technological support to mine-affected states and regional organizations involved in mine action through:

(a) Taking full advantage of the Mine Action Support Group (MASG) in order to more effectively share information and technology as well as new techniques for dealing with land mines;

(b) To develop their own national educational and technology-sharing programs alongside the MASG;

(c) Expansion of the role of the UNDP Mine Action Exchange Program to include training of field workers;

(d) Greater involvement of the International Test and Evaluation Program for Humanitarian De-Mining;

74 9. *Requests* all industrialized nations to take all possible efforts to form teams of
75 technical and logistical experts able to assist with mine clearance and stockpile
76 destruction in nations where the government is unable to provide adequate funding or
77 technical expertise on its own, and requests assistance;

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79 10. *Draws attention* to the importance of Land Mine Impact Surveys in the effort
80 to find and clear hidden mine fields, as well as the importance of using advanced means
81 of detection where possible;

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83 11. *Further requests* that Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and willing
84 and able member states continue, and, when able, expand their generous support for the
85 efforts to include provisions such as medical support for those who have an elevated risk
86 of injury due to their activity in mine clearance and destruction efforts;

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88 12. *Calls upon* Member States and the international community to coordinate with
89 NGOs and the private sector to expand victim assistance programs, including:

90 (a) Provision of training and equipment to guarantee adequate emergency
91 medical treatment;

92 (b) Training personnel in the physical rehabilitation of victims;

93 (c) Psychological/social support programs to encourage successful and
94 complete reintegration of victims into society;

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96 13. *Further encourages* mine-affected states to include funding for de-mining
97 efforts when appealing to the World Bank for Poverty Reduction Strategy papers, as
98 minefields hinder economic development by usurping other arable lands;

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100 14. *Stresses* member states to expand the Voluntary United Nation Trust Fund for
101 Assistance in Mine Action through increased financial contributions;

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103 15. *Emphasizes* its commitment to remain actively involved in the issue of land
104 mines.

Passed, Yes: 85 / No: 11 / Abstain: 16