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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Environment and Security Partnerships: Conflicts and the Environment

SUBMITTED TO: The United Nations Environment Programme

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1 *Taking note* of the role the environment plays in breeding conflicts and reaching
2 viable solutions to such conflicts,

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4 *Reaffirming* the important role the United Nations Environment Programme
5 (UNEP) plays in protecting the environment,

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7 *Recognizing* the need to reduce environmental damage both through pre-conflict
8 prevention as well as post-conflict environmental remediation,

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10 *Affirming* the belief that it is ultimately the responsibility of the national
11 governments to deliver credible national plans for the implementation and the support of
12 projects,

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14 *Emphasizing* the role of the Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC) in
15 preventing conflict by assessing and addressing environmental problems in conflict prone
16 regions, such as South Eastern Europe, the Southern Caucasus, and Central Asia,

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18 *Deeply concerned* about the impact of modern warfare on the environment,

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20 *Recalling* its efforts to limit environmental damage during conflict through the
21 establishment of the Treaty to Ban Landmines, the Convention on the Prohibition of
22 Military or other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques, and the
23 Chemical Weapons Convention,

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25 *Reiterating* the important role of the UNEP Post-Conflict Assessment Unit
26 (PCAU) in identifying immediate risks to human health and livelihoods and providing
27 recommendations on priorities for clean-up, sustainable resource use and for
28 strengthening environmental governance in post-conflict areas,

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30 *Noting* specifically the destructive impacts of internally displaced peoples on the
31 environment,

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33 1. *Recommends* continued funding for ENVSEC in order to prevent conflict by
34 discussing and debating environmental problems in conflict prone regions;

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36 2. *Further recommends* that Member States implement regional programs
37 involving cooperation and information sharing regarding the impact of regional conflicts
38 on the environment and to improve the state and management of natural resources;

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40 3. *Supports* the establishment of regional cooperation to address environmental
41 concerns within such regions in order to quell possible conflicts;

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43 4. *Strongly condemns* the intentional destruction of natural resources as a strategy
44 of warfare;

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46 5. *Endorses* the creation of a special international convention on prevention of
47 environmental damage in military action to develop and supplement the provisions of
48 existing international legal instruments;

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50 6. *Emphasizes* the need for UNEP to further contribute to sustainable development
51 programmes with a special emphasis on post-conflict zones;

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53 7. *Further encourages* UNEP to continue to provide environmental assistance to
54 post-conflict regions in the form of both monetary and technical aid;

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56 8. *Supports* the creation of regional-scale environment-security assessments to
57 help the UNEP define concrete priorities for operations in various post-conflict zones;

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59 9. *Encourages* UNEP to continue to support research on the links between the
60 environment and security;

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62 10. *Urges* all Member States to integrate environmental concerns in their foreign
63 and security policies;

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65 11. *Strongly discourages* the use of weapons of mass destruction, chemical
66 weapons, nuclear warfare, and other highly destructive weaponry for their destructive
67 effects on the environment;

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69 12. *Calls* for the support of regions in the removal of material hazardous to
70 humans and the environment leftover from conflict with specific concern for the
71 preservation of natural resources;

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73 13. *Expresses* its hope that nations recognize the need to aid displaced persons
74 that involuntarily migrate due to the scarcity of resources caused by natural disasters and
75 conflict;

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14. *Draws attention* to the need for international support of forest protection, especially in developing countries and countries involved in conflict, where the aforementioned conflicts cause energy withholding and citizen displacement that would lead to irreversible deforestation.

Passed, Yes: 30 / No: 3 / Abstain: 1