



*American Model United Nations*  
**General Assembly**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: International Cooperation on Humanitarian Assistance in the Field of Natural Disasters, From Relief to Development

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: Estonia, Canada, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Spain, France

*The General Assembly*

1        *Recognizing* the importance of State sovereignty, as specified in Article Two,  
2 Section One of the United Nations Charter,

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4        *Concerned by* the magnitude and scope of natural disasters and their detrimental  
5 effects on regional development,

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7        *Reaffirming* the importance of the Hyogo Framework for Action, 2005-2015,

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9        *Further reaffirming* the effectiveness of international frameworks that address  
10 specific issues regarding natural disasters such as the Tampere Convention on the  
11 Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief  
12 Operations,

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14        *Reemphasizing* General Assembly resolutions 46/182 of 19 December 1991,  
15 59/212 of 20 December 2004, and 63/141 of 11 December 2008,

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17        *Recognizing* the advantages of non-monetary assets because they can directly and  
18 transparently address natural disasters,

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20        *Supporting* the efforts of regional Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGOs) and  
21 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) who can effectively respect State sovereignty,

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23        *Further recognizing* that regional organizations face similar risks of natural  
24 disasters and are better geographically situated to offer expedited relief,

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26        *Recognizing* existing donation methods such as bilateral aid through regional  
27 organizations,

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29        1. *Calls upon* all Member States of the United Nations to maintain support for the

30 Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and to increase monetary support as able and  
31 affirms that relief aid brings with it no future political or economic expectations;

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33 2. *Recommends* that international aid for immediate response to natural disaster  
34 crises focuses primarily on the donation and transportation of non-monetary assets such  
35 as:

- 36 (a) Food aid and water assistance;
- 37 (b) Medical aid including supplies;
- 38 (c) Temporary infrastructure such as sandbags, tents, and temporary housing;
- 39 (d) Transportation equipment;
- 40 (e) Medical personnel and human resources;

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42 3. *Endorses* regional Inter-Governmental organizations and Non-Governmental  
43 organizations (NGOs) as effective and efficient mechanisms to immediately address  
44 natural disaster crises especially through non-monetary assets;

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46 4. *Calls Upon* all United Nations Member States to work within regional  
47 organizations such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the  
48 European Union (EU), the African Union (AU), and the League of Arab States, as well as  
49 be prepared to provide non-monetary asset assistance as able to regional partners facing  
50 natural disasters;

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52 5. *Encourages* the affected States, immediately following a natural disaster, to  
53 consult with relevant regional bodies in order to determine necessary response and  
54 supplies, as well as coordinate with NGOs and relevant United Nations organizations  
55 such as the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs;

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57 6. *Urges* regional Inter-Governmental Organizations, upon receiving calls for aid  
58 from affected States, to quickly and efficiently provide appropriate relief measures;

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60 7. *Recommends* that Member States cooperate with relevant NGOs such as the  
61 International Red Cross, the Red Crescent, and Doctors Without Borders in order to  
62 immediately provide humanitarian assistance;

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64 8. *Further recommends* that NGOs supplement and serve as an alternative option  
65 for humanitarian assistance when regional organizations and bilateral aid are unable to  
66 fully address aid requests from affected States.

Passed, Yes: 59 / No: 9 / Abstain: 16