



American Model United Nations  
**Second Committee**

GA 2nd/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Convention on Biological Diversity

SUBMITTED TO: The Second Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Spain, Portugal, United Kingdom, Canada, Jamaica,  
Liechtenstein, Republic of Moldova

*The Second Committee*

1        *Affirming* Article 2.1 of the United Nations Charter which guarantees sovereign  
2 equality,

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4        *Reaffirming* General Assembly resolutions 63/219, 62/194, and all other previous  
5 resolutions related to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD),

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7        *Also reaffirming* General Assembly resolution 61/203 that declared 2010 the  
8 International Year of Biodiversity,

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10       *Noting* the report of the Executive Secretary of the CBD on the work of the  
11 Conference of the Parties to the Convention,

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13       *Welcoming* the work of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,  
14 especially in its effort to verify adherence to the CBD,

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16       *Recalling* the success of the Microcredit Campaign and the goals set up by the  
17 official Development Assistance,

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19       *Recognizing* that information sharing and exchange of knowledge can help  
20 Member States to internally develop technical competence for the protection of  
21 biodiversity in areas under their jurisdiction, and further recognizing the positive role the  
22 TRIPS Agreement can play in this regard,

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24       *Emphasizing* the need to simultaneously achieve environmental protection and  
25 economic development through the implementation of local action plans,

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27       *Alarmed* with the affects of inaction among the developed and developing  
28 Member States and the current state of ecological degradation,

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30       *Realizing* the benefits of conservation, protection, and sharing,

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32 1. *Encourages* the participation of all Member States to the Convention on  
33 Biological Diversity to strive to meet the 2010 goals of reducing the rate of loss of  
34 biodiversity;

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36 2. *Calls upon* Member States to develop a global partnership addressing  
37 environmental issues impeding sustainable development for all communities of the world  
38 and identifies a connection between a nation's well-being and its biological diversity - if a  
39 nation is biologically stable, it will be more likely to be economically stable;

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41 3. *Welcomes* action relevant to the Millennium Development Goals Seven and  
42 Eight;

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44 4. *Encourages* developed member States to facilitate access for developing  
45 Member States to safe drinking water through technical resources;

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47 5. *Recommends* ECOSOC develop a program that can work collaboratively with  
48 the International Monetary Fund and World Bank to provide Micro Loan assistance to  
49 Member States wishing to carry out sustainable development practices;

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51 6. *Encourages* international coordination and multilateral cooperation between  
52 states concerning their national initiatives stemming from the Convention on Biological  
53 Diversity's principles in establishing National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans  
54 (NBSAP's);

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56 7. *Recognizes* all Member States rights to their respective intellectual property and  
57 genetic resources;

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59 8. *Further recognizes* the recent progress made towards the the creation of an  
60 international regime that would serve to facilitate the process of fair and equitable sharing  
61 of the benefits arising from the use of genetic resources;

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63 9. *Recognizes* that environmental degradation holds a strong relationship with  
64 climate change and desertification.

Passed, Yes: 62 / No: 10 / Abstain: 6