



*American Model United Nations*  
**Economic and Social Council**

ECOSOC/I/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Protection against Products Harmful to Health and the Environment

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

SUBMITTED BY: Canada, Japan, Cameroon, Namibia, Republic of Moldova, Egypt, China, Argentina, Estonia, Rwanda

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- 1           *Recognizing* ECOSOC Resolution 2008/13 and 2004/55, the Plan of
- 2 Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg,
- 3 Stockholm, Basel and the Rotterdam Convention,
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- 5           *Encourages* further conventions addressing specific categories of harmful
- 6 chemicals and substances,
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- 8           *Affirming* the continued need for awareness and enforcement of the misuse of chemicals
- 9 that could be particularly harmful to the environment and public health worldwide,
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- 11           *Recognizing* the limited ability of struggling entities to properly manage products harmful
- 12 to health and the environment,
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- 14           *Deeply concerned* about highly detrimental substances to human and environmental
- 15 health,
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- 17           *Bearing in mind* the competencies of the various agencies of the Economic and Social
- 18 Council, specifically the Food and Agricultural Organization, the World Health
- 19 Organization, and the United Nations Development Program,
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- 21           *Taking into consideration* that the commitments made by countries to combat the use of
- 22 harmful chemicals and products are essential to the achievement of global safety,
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- 24           *Recalling* the individual commitments to the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation
- 25 agreed upon at the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the agreed upon 2020
- 26 goals,
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- 28 1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the work currently being accomplished by member
- 29 entities, and expresses its enthusiasm to further efforts made by the United Nations;
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- 31 2. *Recommends* that the formation of a committee be established to promote and facilitate  
32 technical and other forms of assistance regarding products harmful to health and the  
33 environment, where the committee would have the following characteristics:
- 34 (a.) The mentioned committee would be named the Committee for the Technical  
35 Assistance of Harmful Materials (CTAHM);
  - 36 (b.) Per the recommendation of the Secretary General, the CTAHM would urge  
37 multilateral, bilateral, and donor agencies to continue the work of capacity  
38 building in terms of knowledge, training, research and development of safe  
39 alternatives to harmful materials in developing countries to improve  
40 environmentally sound management of hazardous chemicals;
  - 41 (c.) This committee would observe regional entities and assist in the proper  
42 removal and disposal of hazardous material;
  - 43 (d.) The CTAHM would provide assistance and expertise to member  
44 states and entities desiring to comply with the guidelines of the Consolidated List;
  - 45 (e.) Membership of CTAHM shall consist of 13 members elected by the United  
46 Nations General Assembly, 2 members from each of the five recognized regions  
47 including: African States, Asian States, Eastern European States, Latin American  
48 & Caribbean States, Western European & other states, as well as representatives from the  
49 World Health Organization, and the Food & Agricultural Organization, and the United  
50 Nations Environmental Program;
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- 52 3. *Urges* the development of safe alternatives to products on the Consolidated List;
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- 54 4. *Draws attention to* the negative effects of industrial dumping of hazardous materials in  
55 developing and emerging states;
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- 57 5. *Seeks* that the Secretary General, on behalf of the General Assembly, continue  
58 the production and upkeep of the Consolidated List;
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- 60 6. *Resolves* to remain actively seized in this matter.

Passed by consensus, with Venezuela, United States, Philippines, Iraq, Malaysia, Uruguay  
abstentions