



American Model United Nations
Economic and Social Council

ECOSOC/I/4

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

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

SUBMITTED BY: New Zealand, Japan, United States of America, Turkey, Argentina

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1 *Bearing in mind* the sentiments expressed by the Rotterdam, Stockholm, and The
2 Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management (SAICM) International
3 Conventions,
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5 *Deeply convinced* of the role of all nations in the global community in securing
6 clean and safe standards of living,
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8 *Remembering* that sustainable development is key to the success of the endeavors
9 of developing nations,
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11 *Encouraging* the responsible stewardship of our planet's natural resources,
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13 *Cognizant* of the importance of broadening cooperation in the interrelated systems
14 of commerce and trade in the international community,
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16 *Realizing* that due to free and open markets, individual nations are called to be
17 responsible for the products which they place on the global market,
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19 1. *Reminds* all nations that irresponsible policy affects not only the nation
20 responsible but its neighbors and the global community as well;
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22 2. *Takes note* of the efforts of the G20 in offering incentives to nations who choose
23 to abide by accepted standards of international trade, this resolution seeks to:

24 (a.) Encourage member states to provide Most Favored Nation (MFN) status to all
25 nations who comply with Basel guidelines for handling and transporting
26 hazardous waste and pollutants;

27 (b.) Support the efforts of intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental
28 organizations in promoting responsible management and sustainable development
29 of capabilities;
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31 3. *Deplores* the act of industrial dumping by any state, organization, corporation,
32 or individual;

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34 4. *Strongly endorses* member states to reward nations who work to update and
35 modernize their capacity for hazardous waste management through investments, loans,
36 and expertise in order to facilitate sustainable development;

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38 5. *Notes* that strategies consistent with life cycle management approaches to
39 chemicals are essential to effectively monitoring potentially dangerous substances;

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41 6. *Encourages* the compilation of a list by the United Nations Environment
42 Program(UNEP) of approved alternatives to the materials present on the Consolidated
43 List;

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45 7. *Invites* the UNEP to continue updating the chemical portion of the Consolidated
46 List of Products Whose Consumption and/or Sale have been Banned, Withdrawn,
47 Severely Restricted or Not Approved by Governments and to report to the Economic and
48 Social Council at its substantive session in 2013;

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50 8. *Affirms* the guidelines established by the Basel Convention regarding the export
51 and trade of hazardous materials, especially those regarding consent and liability;

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54 9. *Emphasizes* information sharing efforts through labeling and notification
55 requirements surrounding the import and export of chemicals on the Consolidated List.

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Passed, Yes: 19 / No: 1 / Abstain: 9