

## American Model United Nations

## **General Assembly Second Committee**

GA 2nd/II/4

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Protection of Global Climate for Present and Future

Generations of Humankind

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Second Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Estonia, Malaysia, Uzbekistan, Netherlands,

Romania, Turkey, Denmark

The General Assembly Second Committee Guided by the United Nations Charter, 1 2 3 Highlighting the importance of state sovereignty which entails the right to choose and implement domestic policy, 4 5 6 Recognizing the effects that climate changes have on the agricultural sectors of nations 7 economies, 8 9 Having studied root causes behind climate emissions such as deforestation for the purposes of urbanization and agricultural growth, industries' unsustainable practices in 10 11 use of nonrenewable resources, and individually and culturally based choices contributing 12 to climate change without an understanding of the economic and environmental repercussions of each choice, 13 14 15 Recalling the work of the Kyoto Protocol, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Copenhagen Accord. 16 17 Noting the success of regional operations to mitigate and reduce emissions contributing to 18 19 climate change, 21 Applauding the implementation of the 20-20-20 Goals of the European Union Climate 22

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and Energy Package as an effective measure to promote renewable energy sources,

23 increase energy efficiency and to decrease greenhouse emissions,

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25 Recognizing the cost-effectiveness of the Clean Development Mechanism as defined in the Kyoto Protocol, 26

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- 28 Recalling previous resolutions 43/53 of 6 December 1988, 54/222 of 22 December 1999,
- 62/86 of 10 December 2007, 63/32 of 26 November 2008, 64/53 of 29 January 2010 29
- passed by the body that address the topic area of "Protection of the Global Climate for 30

31 Present and Future Generations",

Fully aware of the agreement made at the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2009 in Copenhagen that developed countries shall provide adequate, predictable and sustainable financial resources, technology and capacity-building to support the implementation of adaptation action in developing countries,

Recognizing the contributions in deciding what the capacities economically, technologically, and institutionally are per region as found by the United Nations Regional Commissions,

Acknowledging furthermore, Article II, Section A of the Kyoto Protocol that calls for the implementation or further elaboration of policies and measures that include promotion of research on, and promotion of, development and increased use around, new and renewable forms of energy, fiscal incentives and tax and duty exemptions as well as the progressive reduction or phasing out of market imperfections,

*Believes* proper adherence to the Kyoto Protocol vis-à-vis the formation, expansion or potential coordination of regional mechanisms capable of compiling and assessing reports on state and regional progress related to the fight against climate change is necessary,

Remaining deeply concerned that all countries, in particular developing countries, including the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and countries in Africa, face increased risks from the adverse effects of climate change, and stressing the need to address adaptation needs relating to such effects,

- 1. *Encourages* the implementation of environmental education measures by both public and private institutions to address more sustainable agricultural practices that would benefit national and regional economies;
- 62 (a) Allocate funds to domestic educational institutions, specifically in the area of science and technology;
- (b) Direct these funds toward sustainable educational programs where domestic
  students, professors and educators teach local farmers sustainable agricultural
  practices and business how to implement green technologies;

2. Further encourages environmental education in relation to industry emissions and domestic sectors to aid in reduction of policies that allow for unsustainable practices contributing to climate change;

3. *Invites* the goals of the Kyoto Protocol, United Nations Framework Convention on
 Climate Change, and the Copenhagen Accord to be modified and expanded to necessary
 dialogue within each region of the global community;

4. Further invites these expansions to aid in the growth of the global economy with

sustainable developments made through each program such as implementation of the 77 78 Clean Development Mechanisms addressed in the Kyoto Protocol;

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80 5. Takes into consideration the 20-20-20 development goals of the Climate and Energy Package within the European Union; with goals of 20% of power coming from renewable 82 energy sources, a 20% decrease of greenhouse gas emissions and an overall increase in energy efficiency by 20% by supporting domestic approaches to achieve these goals through the implementation of progressive incentives by existing regional bodies; 84

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86 6. Endorses the Clean Development Mechanism to ensure that Annex I countries in the 87 Kyoto Protocol can meet their emission reduction by financing greenhouse gas emissions reduction in developing countries and receive credits as emissions reduction of developed 88 89 countries, as a means of technology transfers connecting developed countries and 90 developing countries;

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7. Confirms the effectiveness of the Clean Development Mechanism in offering both short-term and long-term incentives for both developing and developed countries to develop clean energy resources;

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8. Notes the success of Clean Development Mechanism in bringing foreign green energy investment into developing economies as well as in fostering domestic entrepreneurship of low-carbon development in developing countries;

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9. Encourages all nations to participate in the Clean Development Mechanism and pay close attention to such a mechanism in least developed countries;

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10. Encourages the reduction of barriers through tax exemptions, tariff reductions, and other economic incentives that benefit the companies who contribute their technological advances;

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11. Urges international organizations as well as local governments and institutions to focus on adaptation through the enhancement of community-based emergency infrastructure such as flood shelters and embankments in developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing states and countries in Africa, in order to combat the adverse effects of climate change.

Passed, Yes: 55 / No: 25 / Abstain: 26