



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Fourth Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Assistance in Mine Action

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Fourth Committee

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1 *Gravely concerned* about human suffering continuing to take place as a result of
2 landmines and Unexploded Explosive Ordinances (UXO),
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4 *Reminding* the 160 countries who are party to the Ottawa Treaty (Anti-Personnel
5 Mine Ban) of their obligations to the provisions stated in this treaty,
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7 *Congratulating* the successful eradication of landmines in several countries and
8 calling upon these countries to lead the international community in mine action,
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10 *Recognizing* the effectiveness of the strategies used to eliminate landmines and UXO
11 in these countries,
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13 *Believing* that regional and international cooperation is necessary in order to
14 eliminate landmines,
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16 *Hopeful* that the existing United Nations frameworks can be consolidated and
17 streamlined to facilitate the more efficient and effective eradication of Anti-Personnel
18 Mines,
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20 *Worried* that the lack of funds is limiting the effectiveness and comprehensiveness of
21 the United Nations Mine Action Strategy (UNMAS),
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23 *Convinced* that the consolidation of the numerous committees addressing
24 international landmine issues would not only allow regions to better identify areas of
25 concern and coordinate mine removal, but would also permit better application of
26 financial resources,
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28 1. *Recommends* the consolidation of existing United Nations mine-elimination
29 programs to increase efficiency by eliminating overlap in the overall United Nations Mine
30 Action Strategy by 2015 through:

31 (a) Identifying regional centers through UNMAS where funding and expertise will be
32 coordinated for the use of regional Member States;

33 (b) Recommends that regional centers be given authority to cooperatively determine
34 effective NGOs with the consent and explicit permission of effected Member States

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35 (c) Suggesting the cooperation of these states with other regional Member States and
36 mine action committees to promote safe detection and removal of landmines and UXO.

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38 2. *Invites* willing Member States to donate to the pre-existing voluntary Trust Fund
39 for assistance in mine action:

40 (a) Increase awareness of the Trust Fund among Member States and non-state actors;

41 (b) Encourages Member States to continue funding the voluntary Trust Fund for
42 assistance in mine action;

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44 3. *Encourages* UNMAS education programming dealing with the eradication of
45 landmines and UXO, and avoidance of future injury:

46 (a) Training for the authorities responsible for the removal of land mines and UXOs;

47 (b) Education for civilians with the intent of raising awareness of the danger of
48 landmines and how landmines should be handled;

49 (c) Creation of programs which support the reintegration of victims of landmines into
50 society;

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52 4. *Calls upon* all Members States of the United Nations to continue their assistance,
53 both financial and in-kind, for global mine-removal actions and work towards a mine-free
54 world;

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56 5. *Recommends* the expansion of UNMAS donations for funds dedicated to global
57 landmine eradication in both the technical and educational aspects consistent with
58 UNMAS standards, the allocation of funds will be limited to landmine education,
59 eradication, victim aid, and advocacy efforts;

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61 6. *Encourages* United Nations Goodwill Ambassadors to raise awareness of the
62 UNMAS and ensure UNMAS operations are not curtailed by a lack of funds.

Passed, Yes: 67 / No: 8 / Abstain: 21