



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Fourth Committee

GA Fourth/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Assistance in Mine Action

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Fourth Committee

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1 *Recalling* the United Nations Mine Action Service's motto of "Eliminating.
2 Educating. Enabling,"

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4 *Understanding* that efficiency is another key goal in mine-action,

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6 *Concerned* that member states continue to use landmines and other weapons such as
7 cluster munitions that tend to create explosive remnants of war,

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9 *Recalling* the Convention on Conventional Weapons of 10 April, 1981 and its
10 Amended Protocol II, specifically the Mine Ban Treaty of 3 December, 1997,

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12 *Noting with concern* the use of improvised explosive devices during times of
13 conflict;

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15 1. *Recommends* the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) increase the
16 intensity of its advocacy efforts in favor of:

17 (a) Promoting the signing of the Mine Ban Treaty of 3 December, 1997 and the
18 Convention on Cluster Munitions;

19 (b) Promoting reliably consistent donations to the Voluntary Trust Fund for
20 Assistance in Mine Action, in line with the financial capacities of potential donors;

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22 2. *Urges* signatories to the Mine Ban Treaty to expand their definition of anti-
23 personnel mines to include improvised explosive devices, as they have become
24 increasingly prevalent in conflicts over the last decade;

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26 3. *Recommends* that UNMAS use public awareness to help with fundraising efforts;

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28 4. *Urges* UNMAS to expand its Mine Action Coordination Centers (UNMACCs) to
29 whatever countries need assistance;

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31 5. *Commends* UNMAS and its UNMACCs for their efforts in demining;

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33 6. *Encourages* UNMAS to implement alternative demining methods with the goal of
34 reducing human and fiscal costs;

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36 7. *Suggests with exigency* that the UNMACCs work directly with communities
37 significantly affected by landmines and other explosive remnants of war to:

38 (a) Teach residents of these regions best practices about landmines as outlined by
39 UNMAS Mine Risk Education Best Practice Guidebook;

40 (b) Disseminate information gathered by the United Nations Office for Project
41 Services (UNOPS) as outlined below;

42 (c) Provide comprehensive education uniquely tailored to the needs of different
43 demographic groups;

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45 8. *Calls upon* UNOPS to gather information on the effects of landmines and other
46 explosive remnants of war, including:

47 (a) How restricted movement caused by landmines harms peoples living conditions;

48 (b) The effects on victims who have been directly harmed by landmines;

49 (c) The fiscal needs of nations to remove landmines from key areas;

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51 9. *Urges* UNMAS to consider the data gathered by UNOPS as outlined above as well
52 as data gathered by Landmine Impact Surveys;

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54 10. *Invites* all nations to cooperate with UNOPS in their efforts to increase gathering
55 of data on the effects of landmines;

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57 11. *Further* calls upon UNMAS to cooperate with national governments to establish
58 mass education campaigns:

59 (a) Through mass media and public education systems;

60 (b) Involving public figures such as world leaders and United Nations Goodwill
61 Ambassadors;

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63 12. *Recommends* UNMAS to use its UNMACC to support victim assistance,
64 involving:

65 (a) Medical care;

66 (b) Rehabilitative therapy;

67 (c) Resources for victims to cope with disabilities;

68 (d) Education and employment opportunities;

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70 13. *Strongly urges* UNMAS and all member states and non-governmental
71 organizations to cooperate to establish national mine action services for the purpose of:

72 (a) Enabling nations to have more self-direction in mine action;

73 (b) Fully capitalizing on their unique understanding of how mines and other
74 explosive remnants of war affect their country;

75 (c) Bringing local actors directly into demining efforts;

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77 14. *Urges* those nations most affected by mines and improvised explosive devices to
78 cooperate with United Nations Office for Project Services to find comprehensive data on
79 emplaced mines and improvised explosive devices;

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81 15. *Applauds* the efforts of non-governmental organizations to further the goals of
82 assistance in mine action;

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84 16. *Requests* that member states with the means to do so support research into low
85 cost, ecologically friendly alternative methods of demining including those that have been
86 proposed by non-governmental organizations;

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88 17. *Advises* UNMAS to allocate funds in line with the findings of United Nations
89 Office for Project Services;

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91 18. *Suggests* to the Secretary General that efforts in mine action outlined here for
92 UNMAS be consolidated thoroughly under UNMAS so as not to duplicate efforts in other
93 United Nations bodies such as the Department for Peacekeeping Operations, the United
94 Nations Development Program, and the United Nations Children's Fund.

Passed, Yes: 39 / No: 25 / Abstain: 29