



American Model United Nations

General Assembly Fourth Committee

GA Fourth/II/4

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Assistance in Mine Action

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Fourth Committee

The General Assembly Fourth Committee,

1 *Fully alarmed* that landmines continue to be produced and transferred for purposes
2 that are not limited to barrier-building, as a defense strategy, and population control, often
3 perpetrated by warring ethnic groups,
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5 *Noting* that damages generated by these weapons include the impediment of
6 agricultural activities and education, as well as the repatriation of refugees and
7 inaccessibility to water sources,
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9 *Deeply conscious* that these instruments of war present a direct danger to innocent
10 civilians, particularly women and children,
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12 *Recognizing* the growing size of the funding to the programs via the Voluntary Trust
13 Fund by nations such as Canada and Sweden among others,
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15 *Bearing in mind* resolution 67/67 from November 2012 encourages Member States to
16 decrease mine availability appropriately,
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18 *Further recalling* the mine ban efforts initiated by the Ottawa Convention and the
19 convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW),
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21 1. *Strongly recommends* the General Assembly First Committee to encourage United
22 Nations bodies, such as the Human Rights Council and United Mine Action Service, to
23 develop mine-risk education programs that:
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25 (a) Survey the community for the purpose of noting all relevant needs and concerns;

26 (b) Collect data on mine injuries and direct damages generated by mines, mined
27 areas, and demined areas;

28 (c) Educate women, men and children alike of the dangers and consequences of
29 landmines, as well as emphasize education during the International Mine Awareness Day,
30 on April 4th;

31 (d) Integrate landmine victims into the community by means of medical,
32 psychological and economic assistance:

(i) Publicize mine free areas for civilians;

2. *Encourages* relevant United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations

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34 to utilize such mine-risk education programs for the purpose of educating societies about
35 the intricate detriments of mines;

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37 3. *Requests* that these programs call attention to these weapons, since they harm
38 innocent civilians more than accomplish their goals;

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40 4. *Invites* United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations to carry out
41 these programs by training local experts, who ultimately will educate their respective
42 communities;

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44 5. *Requests* the Voluntary Trust Fund to allocate an appropriate amount of funds to
45 these mine-risk education programs.

Passed, Yes: 56 / No: 9 / Abstain: 30