



American Model United Nations

General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in
the field of natural disasters, from relief to
development

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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1 *Reaffirming* the Hyogo Declaration and Framework for Action of 2005,
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3 *With respect to* the sovereignty of all nations and with no intentions to infringe upon
4 that sovereignty,
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6 *Mindful* of the pressing need for the international community to provide aid and relief
7 to the countries ravaged by natural disasters,
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9 *Aware* of the need to effectively administer, manage, and finance international relief
10 and development efforts,
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12 *Stressing* the need for advancing education of the local populace of effected states to
13 lessen the severity of future crisis within that nation,
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15 *Recognizing* the efforts of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
16 (OCHA) to coordinate with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) a stable process
17 for the movement from short-term assistance to medium-term recovery and long-term
18 development,
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20 *Emphasizing* the importance of and continued participation in, and donation to, the
21 Central Emergency Relief Fund by Member States,
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23 1. *Recommends* to the Secretary-General the creation of an Office of Disaster
24 Integrated Specialist Coordination (DISC) operating within OCHA and aimed at
25 increasing efficiency of relief efforts by coordinating the reconstruction and sustainable
26 development phase as well as limiting fraud, waste, and abuse that is currently a reality
27 and that:

28 (a) DISC serves as the facilitator of relief and reconstruction efforts under the
29 authority of OCHA from whom DISC will request budgetary appropriation to be
30 drawn from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) for the purposes of
31 employment and deployment of responding NGOs;

32 (b) DISC specialists compile an official roster of available NGOs, focusing on

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34 ability to respond, availability of proper resources, and task specialization, from
35 which relief contracts will be generated;
36 (c) DISC requires all NGOs participating to hire a minimum of 10% of their
37 workforce from the local population of the state effected by a natural disaster in
38 collaboration with the state when possible;
39 (d) An annual audit and report, generated by DISC, be delivered to OCHA and the
40 United Nations General Assembly in oversight of all budgetary concerns and on the
41 status of response efforts;
42 (e) An audit be completed and returned to DISC by the NGOs after the completion
43 of crisis response and redevelopment;
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45 7. *Requests* of the Secretary-General DISC be ready to operate within one year of its
46 creation and initial appropriation.

Passed, Yes: 40 / No: 38 / Abstain: 17