

## American Model United Nations

## **General Assembly Plenary**

**GA/4/II/4** 

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:	Assistance in Mine Action
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SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary

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*Fully alarmed* that landmines continue to be produced and transferred for purposes that are not limited to barrier-building, as a defense strategy, and population control, often perpetrated by warring ethnic groups,

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*Noting* that damages generated by these weapons include the impediment of agricultural activities and education, as well as the repatriation of refugees and inaccessibility to water sources,

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*Deeply conscious* that these instruments of war present a direct danger to innocent civilians, particularly women and children,

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*Recognizing* the growing size of the funding to the programs via the Voluntary Trust Fund by nations such as Canada and Sweden among others,

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*Bearing in mind* resolution 67/67 from November 2012 encourages Member States to decrease mine availability appropriately,

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Further recalling the mine ban efforts initiated by the Ottawa Convention and the convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW),

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- 1. Strongly recommends the General Assembly First Committee to encourage United Nations bodies, such as the Human Rights Council and United Mine Action Service, to develop mine-risk education programs that:
  - (a) Survey the community for the purpose of noting all relevant needs and concerns;
- (b) Collect data on mine injuries and direct damages generated by mines, mined areas, and demined areas;
- (c) Educate women, men and children alike of the dangers and consequences of landmines, as well as emphasize education during the International Mine Awareness Day, on April 4th;
- (d) Integrate landmine victims into the community by means of medical, psychological and economic assistance:
  - (i) Publicize mine free areas for civilians:

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

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

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

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

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

Passed, Yes: 46 / No: 10 / Abstain: 15