



*American Model United Nations*

## **Economic and Social Council**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:       Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

SUBMITTED TO:                 The Economic and Social Council

- 1           *The Economic and Social Council,*  
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3           *Reaffirming* the resolutions of the General Assembly in resolutions 68/102 and  
4 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and the guiding principles contained in the annex thereto,  
5 and other relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)  
6 resolutions and agreed conclusions of the Council,  
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8           *Understanding* the distinction between short-term emergency response and long-  
9 term development goals and support as outlined by the Office for the Coordination of  
10 Humanitarian Assistance (OCHA) program director in emergency preparedness,  
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12          *Acknowledging* that the current financial and economic crisis has the potential to  
13 increase the need for humanitarian assistance in developing countries,  
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15          *Understanding* that economic growth and sustainable development are essential  
16 for the prevention of and preparedness for natural disasters and other emergencies,  
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18          *Recalling* the principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence in  
19 the provision of humanitarian assistance,  
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21          *Reaffirming* the need for all actors engaged in the provision of humanitarian  
22 assistance in situations of complex emergencies and natural disasters,  
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24          *Recognizing* that as long as humanitarian crises occur, individual States as well as  
25 ECOSOC must be ready to continually prepare for and respond to these situations,  
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27          *Further stressing* the importance of communication and cooperation with the  
28 United Nations system in coordination with domestic governmental and Non-  
29 Governmental Organizations such as smaller cultural or regional groups, religious  
30 foundations and private organizations for the aim of creating the best possible solutions  
31 and response systems within the affected country,  
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33          *Expressing concern* at the ongoing increase in the number of people affected by  
34 humanitarian emergencies, including those associated with natural hazards and complex  
35 emergencies, at the increased impact of natural disasters and at the displacement resulting

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36 from humanitarian emergencies,

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38 1. *Stresses* that the United Nations system should make efforts to enhance  
39 existing humanitarian capacities, knowledge and institutions, including, where  
40 appropriate, support of technological services to developing countries, and encourages  
41 the international community to support efforts of Member States aimed at strengthening  
42 their capacity to prepare for and respond to disasters;

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44 2. *Urges* Member States to develop, update and strengthen disaster preparedness  
45 and risk reduction measures at all levels, in accordance with the Hyogo Framework for  
46 Action, in particular priority five thereof, taking into account their own circumstances  
47 and capacities and in coordination with relevant actors, as appropriate, and encourages  
48 the international community and relevant United Nations entities, including the  
49 International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, to give increased priority to supporting  
50 national and local efforts in this regard;

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52 3. *Encourages* regular dialogue between States, Non-Governmental  
53 Organizations, and the international community to effectively or best deal with various  
54 humanitarian issues at hand;

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56 4. *Welcomes* communication from individual States into the allocation of various  
57 resources to Non-Governmental Organizations and humanitarian efforts by the United  
58 Nations in regions following a disaster or emergency, while stressing that funding is not  
59 necessarily allocated directly to the governments themselves;

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61 5. *Calls upon* States to consider the individualized circumstances each  
62 humanitarian crisis poses and the importance of creating unique preparation and  
63 responses to each situation in a timely manner;

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65 6. *Encourages* Member States and the Office for the Coordination of  
66 Humanitarian Affairs to continue to improve dialogue and collaboration on humanitarian  
67 issues, including on policy, in order to foster a more consultative and inclusive approach  
68 to humanitarian assistance;

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70 7. *Requests* the relevant organizations of the Economic and Social Council and  
71 other humanitarian actors to continue efforts to improve the humanitarian response by  
72 supporting national authorities of the affected State, as appropriate, and by further  
73 enhancing efficiency, transparency, performance and accountability;

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75 8. *Calls upon* Member States, the United Nations and humanitarian and  
76 development organizations to continue to build the capacity at all levels of government  
77 and within local organizations and communities to better prepare for hazards and respond  
78 to and recover from disasters.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions

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