



American Model United Nations
Economic and Social Council

ECOSOC/I/1

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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