



American Model United Nations
Economic and Social Council

ECOSOC/I/5

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

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

1 *Concerned* with the mismanagement of funds by humanitarian organizations,
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3 *Aware of* the shortcomings and inefficiencies inherent in the utilization of the
4 cluster approach,
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6 *Alarmed by* the increasing severity of natural disasters globally,
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8 *Declaring* the necessity of environmental sustainability in crafting long term and
9 proactive solutions,
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11 *Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 43/131, 46/182, and 58/114,
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13 *Taking note* of resolution E/2008/L.28 which specifically refers to the
14 strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian assistance of the United Nations,
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16 1. Recommends that results of internal audits will be made available to ECOSOC
17 and that audit results are considered in ECOSOC's funding allocation process;
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19 2. Encourages States that are able to collaborate on the creation of an auditing
20 system to assist NGOs that are unable to conduct self audits by their own means;
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22 3. *Recommends* that Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) collaborating with
23 Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) conduct biannual audits for the following
24 purposes:

25 (a) To ensure efficiency and efficacy in their humanitarian efforts;

26 (b) To prevent the misuse of allocated funds;

27 (c) To increase transparency between NGOs and the Department of Economic and
28 Social Affairs;
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30 4. *Suggests* the collaboration of NGOs and United Nations leadership to improve
31 lateral transparency and analyze NGO efficiency by:

32 (a) Promoting reciprocal accountability between and within all agencies involved
33 while assessing this accountability through regional evaluations of agencies;

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34 (b) Calling on these NGOs to work collaboratively within the structure of the
35 cluster approach, while understanding that this approach must be reviewed and improved
36 through the implementation of cultural advocates to a region to enhance inter-cluster
37 relations;

38 (c) Recognizing the necessity for the utilization of translators and cultural liaisons
39 to adapt to local and regional language barriers and cultural differences;

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41 5. *Draws* the attention of the international community to the importance of
42 improving infrastructure for the purpose of risk reduction, with particular emphasis
43 placed on environmental sustainability solutions;

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45 6. *Recommends* the disclosure of information by NGOs, Inter-Governmental
46 Organizations, and states related to the enhancement of humanitarian aid dispersion to a
47 central information database maintained by the Office for the Coordination of
48 Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA);

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50 7. *Encourages* the implementation of cultural training measures, created in
51 collaborative efforts between national governments and OCHA, for a regional cluster
52 coordinator to effectively establish positive relations between NGOs supported or
53 sponsored by OCHA and local populations.

Passed, Yes: 26 / No: 4 / Abstain: 5