



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

*The Economic and Social Council,*

1            *Understanding* the humanitarian threat that is posed by natural disasters and  
2 infectious diseases,

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4            *Aware of* the close link between emergencies such as disease outbreaks and  
5 natural disasters,

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7            *Noting with deep concern* the severe economic costs of natural disasters and  
8 outbreaks,

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10           *Acknowledging* the responsibility of governments in affected nations to quickly  
11 report outbreaks of pandemic diseases,

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13           *Concerned* by the reluctance of governments of affected countries to report  
14 outbreaks of pandemic diseases,

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16           *Cognizant of* the lack of trust in governments among the citizens of many member  
17 States,

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19           *Recognizing* the need to respect all human rights when responding to outbreaks of  
20 infectious diseases,

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22           *Recalling* the limited resources of the World Health Organization (WHO) directly  
23 preceding the recent Ebola outbreak,

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25           *Bearing in mind* the efforts of the WHO in dealing with recent devastating  
26 outbreaks,

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28           *Convinced of* the WHO's potential to most effectively combat outbreaks of  
29 infectious diseases, amongst all international organizations,

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31           *Reiterating* the need to understand potential health risks and pursue preventative  
32 measures in order to minimize said risks,

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34 *Endorsing* the significant contributions towards outbreak relief that organizations  
35 and individuals have already provided,  
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37 *Reaffirms* the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)'s  
38 coordinating role in responding to global humanitarian crises through collaboration with  
39 the WHO and other associated organizations,  
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41 1. *Suggests* the collection of data in collaboration with governments, related Non-  
42 Governmental Organizations (NGO) and the WHO in order to examine and prevent  
43 potential disease outbreaks to enable:

- 44 (a) Efficient resource management;
- 45 (b) Effective identification of health threats through comprehensive and regular  
46 updates to the WHO database;

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48 2. *Invites* governments to rapidly and accurately report the onset of outbreaks;  
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50 3. *Emphasizes* the need for trained primary care physicians in areas prone to  
51 outbreaks of disease bolstered by:

52 (a) The creation of training programs and seminars with affected nations that  
53 allows for doctors that are well-versed in the subject of disease outbreaks and pandemics;

54 (b) Encouraging nations with the capacity to train health professionals to share  
55 this intellectual infrastructure with disease prone areas lacking sufficient healthcare  
56 infrastructure;

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58 4. *Encourages* the WHO and partner NGOs to work within high-risk areas to train  
59 local populaces in effective primary care responses including:

60 (a) Diagnosis of prominent diseases in the target area;

61 (b) Basic preventative medical care;

62 (c) Prevention of further spreading of disease through containment measures in  
63 accordance with recommendations from the WHO, taking into account the need to  
64 respect human rights;

65 (d) Cooperation with international organizations and state governments to  
66 facilitate accelerated response of the aforementioned bodies;

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68 5. *Expresses* the need for safety precautions for protecting medical workers in  
69 order to properly administer treatment in affected areas while ensuring the safety of aid  
70 workers in the areas of infection and violence through:

71 (a) The rapid deployment of sanitation kits;

72 (b) Cooperation with state governments to help ensure state governments pursue  
73 balanced programs that respect the rights and customs of local populations;

74 (c) Communication with local governments to help infected populations accept  
75 and adapt the assistance programs on a national and international level;

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77 6. *Advises* governments to take steps towards preventing the spread of outbreaks  
78 through:

- 79 (a) Health screening programs in major transportation centers;  
80 (b) The responsible implementation of quarantine procedures;  
81 (c) The improvement of infrastructure to increase emergency relief aid;

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83 7. *Noting* the need for international responses to balance economic along with  
84 humanitarian concerns;

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86 8. *Welcomes* the WHO to prioritize creating and expanding emergency aid  
87 budgets to allow for optimal responses to health crises of varied magnitudes.

Passed by consensus, with 2 abstentions