



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Plenary

GA/4th/I/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Assistance in mine action

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary

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1 *Recalling* its resolutions 48/7 of 19 October 1993, 49/215 of 3 December 1994, 50/82 of 14 December 1995,
2 51/149 of 13 December 1996 and 52/173 of 18 December 1997, on assistance in mine clearance,

3 *Bearing* in mind resolutions 53/26 of 17 November 1998, 54/191 of 17 December 1999, 55/120 of 6 December
4 2000 and 56/219 of 21 December 2001, on assistance in mine action, all adopted by consensus,

5 *Respecting* state sovereignty and the rights of individual states to enforce their local conventions and policies,

6 *Highlighting* the importance of education and keeping civilians knowledgeable about the danger of landmines
7 on the local level,

8 *Recognizing* that, in addition to the role of Member States, the United Nations has a significant role to play
9 in the field of assistance in mine action, and considering mine action to be an important and integrated component
10 of United Nations humanitarian and development activities,

11 *Reaffirming* its deep concern at the tremendous humanitarian and development problems caused by the
12 presence of mines and other unexploded ordnance that constitute an obstacle to the return of refugees and other
13 displaced persons, to humanitarian aid operations and to reconstruction and economic development,

14 *Affirming* the need for restoration of normal social conditions and the serious and lasting social and economic
15 consequences for the populations in mine-affected countries,

16 *Deeply* alarmed by the additional number of new mines that continue to be laid each year,

17 *Remaining* aware of the necessity and urgency of a significant increase in mine-clearance efforts by the
18 international community, especially in civilian areas,

19 *Expressing* its appreciation of governments, regional organizations and other donors for their financial con-
20 tributions to mines action and local capacity building programs,

21 1. *Strongly* encourages Member States to use the knowledge of their local experts to increase education
22 efforts for civilians on a local level, especially in landmine awareness and safety;

23 2. *Invites* all Member States to develop and support national programs, where appropriate in cooperation
24 with relevant bodies of United Nations system and relevant regional, governmental and non-governmental organiza-
25 tions, to promote awareness in landmine education, especially among women and children;

26 3. *Stresses* the importance of cooperation and coordination in mine action to make note of the important
27 role of United Nations in the effective coordination of mine-action activities.

Passed, Yes: 49 / No: 25 / Abstain: 17