



*American Model United Nations*  
**United Nations Environment Assembly**

UNEA/I/3

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Sound management of chemicals and waste

SUBMITTED TO: The United Nations Environment Assembly

*The United Nations Environment Assembly,*

1 *Affirming* the agreements set forth in the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions,

2 *Expressing* its appreciation for the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and their focus on well-being, clean  
3 water, sustainable cities and industry,

4 *Guided* by the belief that all Member States have a right to sustainable development without being subjected  
5 to foreign dumping of chemical waste,

6 *Alarmed* by the chemical waste produced by mining industries which lack proper oversight and regulation  
7 and the subsequent disproportionate effect on impoverished peoples,

8 *Affirming* the definition of environmental goods and services under the Organization for Economic Coopera-  
9 tion and Development (OECD) as activities which produce goods and services to measure, prevent, limit, minimize,  
10 or correct environmental damage to water, air, and soil, as well as problems related to waste, noise and ecosystems,

11 *Emphasizing* the importance of Article 4 of the Basel Convention, which calls for the overall reduction of  
12 waste generation, the reduction of hazardous waste, the availability of adequate disposal facilities and limits trans-  
13 boundary movement of hazardous wastes,

14 1. Suggests that Member States party to the Basel Convention to leverage the weight of this document by:

15 (a) expanding the definition of hazardous wastes to include;

16 (i) Plastic waste;

17 (ii) Electronics Waste;

18 (iii) Radioactive Waste;

19 (b) Recognizing that this expanded definition of hazardous waste will apply only if the importing  
20 nation does not have knowledge of or agree to the importation of the previously mentioned. In all other cases, this  
21 waste would not fall into the definition of hazardous environmental waste;

22 2. Recommends that Member States engaging in the interstate movement of hazardous wastes into states  
23 which lack sufficient waste-disposal capacities provide aid, such as provisions for water sanitation, for the purpose of  
24 alleviating the negative impacts of this waste;

25 3. Encourages the United Nations Conference on Trade and Developments Commission on Science and Tech-  
26 nology for Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Program for Country  
27 Partnership (PCP) assist developing states in the development of research programs for sustainable development and  
28 waste management;

29 4. Requests Member States to increase contributions to the Commission on Science and Technology for  
30 Development and participate with the UNIDO's PCP, recognizing that this support will be allocated according to  
31 the respective needs of each individual nation;

32 5. Urges Member States not presently party to the Basel, Rotterdam, or Stockholm Conventions to ratify  
33 the treaties and implement the recommendations of the joint Secretariat;

34 6. Requests the Security Council and Member States to consider the negative environmental and humani-  
35 tarian consequences which may occur when a state operates industry under sanctions;

36 7. Invites the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and Member States to work with developing  
37 states collaboratively for the purpose of developing waste management systems;

38 8. Recommends the creation of an international database for the purpose of tracking the illegal trafficking  
39 of waste across Member States' boundaries by:

40 (a) Requesting that nations party to the resolution report and upload data annually on the levels of  
41 waste created and held within a fiscal year;

42 (b) Providing that this information will be publicly accessible;

43 9. Expresses its hope that Member States to reduce or eliminate tariff and non tariff barriers on environmental  
44 goods and services to improve waste management in developing nations, with the hope that this reduction in costs  
45 associated with developing nations importing this technology.

Passed, Yes: 45 / No: 4 / Abstain: 10