



American Model United Nations
United Nations Environment Assembly

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Sound management of chemicals and waste

SUBMITTED TO: The United Nations Environment Assembly

The United Nations Environment Assembly,

1 *Guided by* the principles of sustainable development as set forth by the 17 Sustainable Development Goals,

2 *Acknowledging* that the sustainable development of waste management systems and production industries
3 also increases the economic productivity of Member States,

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

6 *Acknowledging* that the developed world produces the majority of waste and has taken measures to control
7 the movement of this waste,

8 *Further acknowledging* that in all states waste is sometimes not properly managed or disposed,

9 *Noting* the current operations of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in their efforts to
10 assist developing countries in achieving their development goals through their Program for Country Partnership,

11 *Encouraged by* recent developments in technology that permit the reclamation of waste for the purposes of
12 converting it into goods such as materials, fuels, or chemicals,

13 *Expressing confidence* that by encouraging Member states to reward innovative environmental clean-up
14 technologies and business, more technologies will arise and better clean-up efforts will begin,

15 *Recognizing* the economic exploitation such as illicit mining, poaching, and over-farming in developing states
16 which often occurs under economic sanctions,

17 *Regretting* that under some regimes that are victim to economic sanctions, armed groups often become a
18 legitimate form of employment,

19 1. Suggests that developed Member States to review their regulatory policies and to take actions to ensure
20 their private-sector producers are in compliance with the best interest of the global community and specifically
21 developing States;

22 2. Encourages developed Member States to consider incentivising the private sectors in support of waste
23 management systems in the developing world;

24 3. Requests the Security Council and Member States to consider the negative environmental and humani-
25 tarian consequences which may occur when a Member State operates industry under sanctions;

26 4. Recommends the General Assembly empower the Secretary General to create a working group on sus-
27 tainable waste management that would:

28 (a) Increase focus on plans for the sustainable development of the waste management private sector
29 within respective Member States;

30 (b) Work with Member States to develop specific plans to increase proper and efficient disposal of
31 waste, including, but not limited to, hazardous, chemical, nuclear, and biomedical wastes;

32 (c) Further assist in the development of specific plans to decrease the amount of hazardous waste
33 produced through mining, chemical production, and other industrial processes;

34 (d) Request aid packages for the specific purpose of increasing Member States waste disposal within
35 their respective borders and improvement of the training of environmental regulation enforcers;

36 (e) Provide information and advisory assistance to those Member States private-sector partners
37 wishing to increase their waste disposal capacity;

38 (f) Leverage the expertise and efforts of the United Nations Environmental Programme, the United
39 Nations Development Programme, the Partnership for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Joint Sec-
40 retariat of the Basel Rotterdam Stockholm (BRS) Conventions, and any other organizations which the Secretary
41 General sees fit for the creation of the working group;

42 5. Further recommends willing Member States to make specific contributions to the working group for the
43 purpose of increasing the waste disposal capacity of less developed Member States;

44 6. Emphasizes that less developed Member States have been subject to improper disposal of hazardous waste
45 produced by more developed states as well as waste produced within the state;

46 7. Urges the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to expand the Program for Country
47 Partnerships for the purpose of emphasizing partnerships that specifically develop sustainable waste management
48 industries;

49 8. Encourages Member States to implement policy aimed at the reclamation of waste as a means of incen-
50 tivizing sustainable chemical production, including but not limited to:

51 (a) Purchasing industrial waste from private-sector producers;

52 (b) Selling food waste to biorefineries for use in the synthesis of chemicals industry inputs;

53 (c) The establishment of tax credits for those chemicals producers who purchase biorefinery inputs
54 and utilize them in the production of their goods;

55 9. Suggests the parties involved to provide more accurate communications, including best practice sharing,
56 between the parties on what is being done to reduce waste;

57 10. Affirms the right of all Member States to participate in the mineral and chemical trade while abiding by
58 international law.

Passed, Yes: 44 / No: 2 / Abstain: 4