American Model United Nations
United Nations Environment Assembly

UNEA/II/3

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Protection of the environment in areas affected by armed conflict

SUBMITTED TO: The United Nations Environment Assembly

The United Nations Environment Assembly,

1   *Recognizing* the desire of all Member States to find effective and humane ways to identify landmines,

2   *Recognizes* the contributions of Non-Government Organizations to the detection landmines,

3   *Commending* the actions of the Ottawa Treaty on the issue on landmines,

4   *Commending* the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs efforts in identifying landmine chemical
5   leakage using drones and other technology,

6   *Acknowledging* that landmines impede ecological succession and the arability of land in many Member States,

7   *Observing* the intentions of both resolution 53/242 of 10 August 1999 and resolution 57/337 of 3 July 2003,
8   and subsequently believing that the United Nations Environmental Program must not attempt to directly legislate
9   on conflict prevention or resolution, which may be delegated to the First Committee or Security Council,

10   1. *Recommends* the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, the United Nations Office for Disarmament
11   Affairs and the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, for
12   working to decrease the use of landmines and their impact on the environment;

13   2. *Suggests* the consideration on increasing the proportion of Member State contributions directed towards
14   the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs for the purpose of expanding its efforts in disarming landmines,
15   identifying landmine locations and landmine pollution;

16   3. *Requests* the creation of a new initiative through the United Nations Environment Programme, modeled on
17   Anti-Personnel Landmines Removal Product Development (APOPO) be considered in order to promote an effective
18   and affordable detection method for the protection of wildlife;

19   4. *Recommends* the pursuit of further research and implementation of the use of monkeys, rats and bacteria
20   to effectively, efficiently and safely detect landmines;

21   5. *Encourages* the establishment of a database which allows for the exchange of open-source information
22   regarding the safest practices for deconstruction and disposal of extracted landmines and the process of repairing
23   the land.

Passed, Yes: 55 / No: 3 / Abstain: 7