



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

UNEA/II/5

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 *Mindful* of the importance of protecting the environment and local populations as bearers of devastation for  
2 the sake of future generations,

3 *Recognizing* the environmental impact of hazardous material leftovers from war and the need for further  
4 international cooperation for their removal, such as oil spills, unexploded bombs, radioactive material polluted the  
5 surrounding landscape,

6 *Expressing* deep concern about rural and urban areas that are often littered with mines, bombs, and other  
7 small arms posing a hazard for man and beast for generations,

8 *Stressing* the importance of implementation by Member States to protect the environment affected by armed  
9 conflict and other Member States to provide expertise upon request,

10 *Taking note* of the guidelines by Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, International Com-  
11 mittee of the Red Cross, Toxic Remnants War Project and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

12 *Urging* to take appropriate measures according to international law to ensure compliance in relation to  
13 protect the environment in active armed conflict, including domestic legislation which Member States sign on,

14 *Deeply concerned* by the environmental damage caused in non-warring nations from warzones in neighboring  
15 nations,

16 1. Welcomes the work of the United Nations Environmental Programme on the protection of the environment  
17 affected by armed conflict;

18 2. Recognizes that the Sustainable Development Goals contribute to the protection of human well-being and  
19 rights:

20 (a) Which can be operationalized through direct or indirect support to affected Member States;

21 (b) For the importance of providing updated data that can help identify potential environmental  
22 hotspots;

23 (c) To support clean up and remediation programs of conflict pollution;

24 (d) Supporting health and environmental awareness programs through local authorities and com-  
25 munities;

26 (e) Promoting scientific research in the areas of coal fire power plants, oil refineries, nuclear waste  
27 disposal activity, large animal farms, metals production factories, plastics factories, and other heavy industries on  
28 the wider health risks associated with conflict pollution;

29 3. Stresses the critical importance of protecting the environment in active war zones, and its restoration in  
30 the post-conflict, including a crisis from unexploded ordnance;

31 4. Emphasizes the need for cooperation in spreading the awareness on the environmental issues during  
32 conflict and the need of sufficiently to protect the environment in times of armed conflict;

33 5. Suggests Member States to review the guidelines by Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe,  
34 International Committee of the Red Cross, Toxic Remnants War Project, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable  
35 Development;

36           6. Recommends the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and nongovernment  
37 organizations to continue providing greater assistance to affected countries by armed conflict and the protection of  
38 World Heritage Sites.

Passed, Yes: 39 / No: 1 / Abstain: 4