



American Model United Nations
United Nations Environment Assembly

UNEA/II/8

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 *Recognizes* that the environment is intrinsically linked to human populations and seeks to mitigate the
2 destruction of the environment,

3 *Alarmed* by the destruction wrought by armed conflicts resulting in the degradation of the environment,

4 *Recognizing* that the effects of climate change are the causes of armed conflict within Member States and
5 must be attended to,

6 *Affirming* the agreements set forth in the United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 2/15 August 3
7 2016, titled Protection of the Environment in Areas Affected by Armed Conflict,

8 *Observing* the efforts and accomplishments already achieved by members of the international community
9 concerning the protection of the environment in areas affected by armed conflict,

10 *Deeply concerned* with the mass relocation of peoples due to environmental damage during conflict,

11 *Emphasizing* the need for the aid given by the International Law Commission and the United Nations body
12 in an effort to lessen environmental damage brought about by armed conflict in the Member States with the most
13 need,

14 *Believing* that a multilateral agenda is necessary to first mitigate and, eventually terminate destructive
15 armed conflicts that adversely affect the environment,

16 *Bearing in mind* that Member States are not responsible for the internal actions of criminal elements and
17 other violent non-state actors within their borders,

18 1. *Requests* international support in the prevention of non-state actors damaging the environment further;

19 2. *Smiles upon* the ongoing preformed by the apparatuses of the United Nations, such as the United Nations
20 First Committee, the Security Council as well as other Member States, to assist in the fomenting of peace and
21 security;

22 3. *Expresses* its hope that the members of the international community will seek to uphold the tenets
23 outlined within the resolution 2/15 August 3 2016, titled Progress in the implementation of resolution 2/15 August
24 3 2016 on the protection of the environment in areas affected by armed conflict;

25 4. *Acknowledges* that oceanic and fresh bodies of water are affected by the degradation of land due to climate
26 change and in response to armed conflict:

27 (a) *Recommending* that the United Nations extends its research and monitoring measures to focus
28 primarily on areas affected by armed conflict;

29 5. *Expresses* its hope that the other Member States concentrate on the development of an international
30 instrument aimed towards the control and effective management of key natural resources in areas affected by armed
31 conflict:

32 (a) *Suggesting* that the United Nations Environmental Program extends and enhances the program
33 known as The Environmental Peace-building Knowledge Platform in order to further educate the Member States on
34 the process of rebuilding their environment and natural resources post- conflict;

35 (b) *Further Invites* Member States to expand the Great Green Wall launched by the African Union
36 to additional regions affected by land degradation and desertification;

37 6. *Proposes* the further endorsement of the Military Waste Cleanup Project created by the United Nations
38 Environment Assembly resolution 3/1 June 27 2014:

39 (a) Proposing the further endorsement of the Military Waste Cleanup Project created by the United
40 Nations Environment Assembly resolution 3/1;

41 (i) The organization will educate, support and dispose of the waste that is produced in the unfortu-
42 nate events of armed conflicts in order restore environmental integrity;

43 7. *Recommends* that the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) points its efforts toward the
44 rebuilding of communities damaged in areas affected by armed conflict:

45 (a) Invites the Economic and Social Council Committee for Program and Coordination and World
46 Bank to assist in the funding of sustainable reconstruction projects to rebuild destroyed infrastructure in areas of
47 armed conflict.

Passed, Yes: 39 / No: 4 / Abstain: 5