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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Role of the United Nations in promoting development in

the context of globalization and interdependence

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Second Committee

The General Assembly Second Committee,

Deeply concerned that coastal Member States face disproportionate impacts from climaterelated causes that force a disconnect in an interconnected global network,

Mindful of the necessity of financial aid, disaster relief and the necessity of the creation of a mutual fund to rebuild affected countries after disasters,

Recalling the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG),

Keeping in mind SDG Goal 13 on combating climate change and its impacts,

Deeply concerned by the lack of insurance for natural disaster-related losses with insurance rates in Least Developed Countries often being less than 10 percent according to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),

Alarmed by the lack of funding and development of communications technologies such as undersea cables and satellite communications,

Emphasizing the need for the Economic and Social Council to help provide basic communication services during natural disaster events to increase economic sustainability for Least Developed Countries,

Recognizing that developing coastal nations depend heavily on sea trade, tourism and a narrow range of export commodities, leaving them highly exposed to economic instability and price fluctuations,

Reaffirming the idea that all Member States are affected by the health and well-being of coastal communities and all States are strengthened when coastal communities are uplifted,

- 1. *Urges* all Member States to uphold their commitments under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by working towards integrating inclusive and sustainable economic growth strategies into national development plans and policy frameworks;
- 2. Invites Member States to work towards increasing economic aid and support towards technology sharing and development in the context of natural disaster relief and natural disaster preparedness, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Telecommunication services;
 - (b) Satellite access;
 - (c) Risk indexes for disasters;
 - (d) Disaster prevention technologies;
 - (e) Disaster warning systems;
- 3. Requests funding for insurance, grants, concessional loans and targeted technical assistance and such funding to be allocated through a voluntary multi-partner financing mechanism, co-

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ordinated by UNDP and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to ensure that resources reach Least Developed Countries efficiently and transparently;

- 4. Calls for the increased use of South-South and three-way trade cooperation to reduce the cost of assistance and improve the accessibility of disaster-preparedness resources;
 - 5. Recommends that the UNDP and UNCTAD expand capacity-building programs focused on trade diversification, digital infrastructure and domestic resource mobilization in developing economies;
 - 6. Encourages the creation of a specific fund that supports tourism-based economies in the event of a tourism shutdown due to a global crisis;
 - 7. Urges Member States to expand funding to local and international intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to further increase their capacity to handle disasters, better equipping these groups with the tools they need.

Passed by consensus, with 7 abstentions

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