



*American Model United Nations*  
**General Assembly Second Committee**

GA Second/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Second Committee

*The General Assembly Second Committee,*

1 *Acknowledging* the rapid rise of sea levels, rising 0.20 meters from 1901 to 2018 according to the  
2 United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, which results in devastating impacts in the regions of  
3 Europe, North America, Southeast Asia, East Asia, Oceania and the Caribbean,

4 *Recalling* the Paris Agreement, the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) agreement,  
5 the Sustainable Development Goal 14 and resolution 79/145 to protect our collective human heritage  
6 through long-term oceanic health,

7 *Drawing attention* to the value of the preservation of coral reefs around the world, as 25 to 32  
8 percent of all marine species rely on coral reefs that cover less than 1 percent of the seafloor,

9 *Recognizing* the significant loss of biodiversity in coral reefs and its cultural effect as well as the  
10 tourism decline effects,

11 *Observing* the economic losses due to decreasing fish and sea life populations resulting in star-  
12 vation for many,

13 *Reaffirms* the role of coastal ecosystems such as coral reefs, mangroves, kelp forests and sus-  
14 tainable fish habitats in reducing wave impact, preventing land loss and supporting coastal livelihoods  
15 and calls for expanded funding for their protection and restoration,

16 *Acknowledging* the rapid increase of pollution in oceans, rivers, seas, lakes and streams,

17 *Alarmed by* the amount of revenue lost by illegal fishing practices noted in the Food and Agri-  
18 culture Organization International Day for the Fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing,

19 1. *Calls for* the continued cooperation of Member States to fund operations relating to solving  
20 the pressing issue of rising sea levels due to the melting ice caps and the economic impacts of mass  
21 flooding;

22 2. *Invites* Member States to donate more of country's income towards the Conservation and  
23 Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) agreement  
24 and the Paris Agreement;

25 3. *Encourages* voluntary funding donations from Member States proportional to their national  
26 carbon emissions;

27 4. *Requests* more funds from Member States, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the  
28 World Bank to be allocated towards frequent and in-depth research on the topic of oceans, sea-level  
29 rise and reefs through Non Governmental Organizations (NGO) such as the Marine Megafauna Foun-  
30 dation and the Ocean Conservancy NGO;

31 5. *Endorses* Member States, the IMF and the World Bank to fund NGOs working towards building  
32 infrastructure to combat rising sea levels, such as seawalls, levees and flood barriers;

33 6. *Encourages* Member States to invest in marine pollution reduction strategies such as dis-  
34 posing waste and chemicals properly, improving wastewater treatment, mitigating oil spills by using  
35 containment booms and reducing plastic use;

36 7. *Urges* Member States to condemn the actions of illegal trade on fishing at a national level:

- 37 (a) Delivering channels for funding for in practices against illegal fishing;
- 38 (b) Focus on supporting the implementation of the Agreement on Port State Measures
- 39 for illegal fishing.

Passed, Yes: 63 / No: 17 / Abstain: 13