

American Model United Nations General Assembly Second Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Promotion of sustainable tourism, including ecotourism, for poverty eradication and environmental protection

 SUBMITTED TO:
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1 *Recognizing* that tourism enables communities poor in material wealth, but rich in culture, history and 2 heritage to use their unique characteristics as an income-generating advantage for poverty eradication,

Also recognizing that the negative effects of climate change are expanding to reach a greater number of earth's citizens,

5 Further Recognizing these effects of climate change can culminate in large scale disasters such as: earth-6 quakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, droughts and heatwaves, which have particularly negative effects on tourism 7 industries,

8 *Further recognizing* that the Sendai Framework of 2013 addresses climate disaster response plans, but mostly 9 within the context of plans not relating to tourism industries,

10 *Emphasizing* that political stability and international confidence is essential for tourism growth, especially 11 the industry's capacity to alleviate poverty,

Further recognizing the vital work of the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) with their crisis and disaster response functions,

Recalling its resolution 73/231 adopted by the General Assembly on 20 December, 2018 and all previous relevant resolutions,

16 1. *Encourages* nations to keep property tax income from tourism industries in developing areas in those 17 localities for the purposes of disaster response savings;

18 2. *Suggests* that the UN World Tourism Organization creates additional protocols of the Sendai framework 19 to address tourism industry response to natural disasters;

3. *Further encourages* Member States to come together in regional cooperation for both the prevention of and response to climate disasters and the effects those disasters may have on tourism industries;

4. *Further encourages* Member States to engage in regional/international dialogue aimed at the maintenance of political stability in order to more quickly respond to climate disasters;

5. *Further encourages* both Member States and the United Nations Development Programme to consider in their post-disaster needs assessment the recovery needs of tourism industries.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions