



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

GA Second/II/2

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

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Second Committee

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- 1 *Alarmed* by the fact that tourism accounts for approximately 10 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions,  
2 *Noting with concern* that air travel is responsible for two and a half percent of worldwide carbon emissions  
3 which affect the environment, economy and health of people around the world,  
4 *Recognizing* that tourism is an important sector in the economies of many nations,  
5 *Reaffirming* the need to focus on marine pollution and national sustainable development strategies as dis-  
6 cussed in General Assembly resolution 55/7 on 30 October 2000,  
7 *Emphasizing* the connection between sustainable tourism and the eradication of poverty through the devel-  
8 opment of local economies,  
9 *Encouraging* all Member States to ratify and adopt the measures in the Paris Agreement,  
10 *Deeply conscious of* the fact that developed nations are responsible for a majority of emissions, however  
11 developing countries are most threatened by the continuance of global warming,  
12 *Recognizing* the detrimental effects of noise pollution on the health of humans, as well as the natural habitat  
13 of wildlife,  
14 1. *Encourages* methods of reducing the length and emissions of flights, including:  
15 (a) Approving plans for route optimisation;  
16 (b) Encouraging nonstop flights;  
17 (c) Emphasizing intra-regional travel;  
18 2. *Emphasizes* the need for research and adoption for more sustainable modes of transportation in industri-  
19 alized nations, including:  
20 (a) Hybrid engines for land and water transportation;  
21 (b) Transportation powered by alternative energy sources such as;  
22 (i) Solar power including photovoltaics (PV) and concentrated solar power (CSP);  
23 (ii) Wind power as turbines or wind energy conversion systems produce electricity using the kinetic  
24 energy created by air in motion;  
25 (iii) Hydropower as drive turbines use water collected with or without dams and reservoirs;  
26 (iv) Geopower including district heating, geothermal heat pumps, greenhouses;  
27 (v) Marine energy including, wave energy, tidal energy, and ocean thermal energy conversion;  
28 (vi) Bioenergy as in modern bioenergy technologies which are liquid biofuels produced from plants,  
29 bio-refineries, wood pellet heating systems, etc;  
30 3. *Endorses* investment into aviation research in order to:  
31 (a) Decrease air pollution and overall emissions;  
32 (b) Increase understanding of alternative fuels such as biofuels;

- 33 4. *Recommends* that States participate in carbon offsetting for modes of transportation, such as:  
34 (a) Reforestation;  
35 (b) Land restoration;  
36 (c) Methane capture projects;  
37 (d) Investment in renewable energy;
- 38 5. *Urges* States to create noise maps and noise management action plans every 5 years for:  
39 (a) Cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants;  
40 (b) Major roads (exceeding 3 million vehicles per year);  
41 (c) Major railways (more than 30,000 trains per year);  
42 (d) Major airports (upwards of 50,000 movements per year, including small aircraft and helicopter).

Passed, Yes: 36 / No: 1 / Abstain: 5