



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

GA Second/II/3

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

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Second Committee

*The General Assembly Second Committee,*

1 *Acknowledging* that ecotourism and sustainable tourism are useful tools for promoting environmental wellness  
2 and maintenance,

3 *Reaffirming* the efforts made by the General Assembly on 19 December 2014 in resolution 69/233 on the  
4 potential of sustainable tourism for eradicating poverty,

5 *Deeply concerned* by the high rates of poaching, especially against endangered species,

6 *Recognizing* the harmful environmental and economic effects of deforestation,

7 *Acknowledging* the positive effects the establishment of nature preserves and protected environmental regions  
8 have in offsetting the negative environmental effects of tourism,

9 *Taking note* that natural areas commonly border the lands of indigenous people who rely on nature for their  
10 livelihood,

11 *Deeply concerned* about the past and present harms to indigenous communities resulting from tourism  
12 activities including:

- 13 1. The distortion of indigenous cultures to better suit consumers,
- 14 2. Increased competition for local resources,
- 15 3. Environmental degradation from masses of tourists,

16 *Noting with satisfaction* the success in States' economies that have adopted ecotourism practices,

17 *Emphasizing* the importance of small and medium sized businesses in the sustainable tourism sector and  
18 their role in local and regional economies and job development,

19 1. *Promotes* the support of safe and practical ecotourism in order to boost economies through an environ-  
20 mentally friendly alternative to normal tourism travel and environmentally-friendly businesses;

21 2. *Encourages* Member States to promote the creation and maintenance of natural preserves including:

- 22 (a) Wildlife sanctuaries;
- 23 (b) National parks;
- 24 (c) Historical landmarks;
- 25 (d) Botanical gardens;

26 3. *Recommends* the prioritization of employing local populations, including indigenous peoples:

- 27 (a) Emphasizes that indigenous populations know the areas where national parks are best;
- 28 (b) Reiterates that employing local populations strongly stimulates local economies;

29 4. *Calls upon* Member States to increase protection against and punishment for illegal poaching and defor-  
30 estation through:

- 31 (a) Cooperation with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) dedicated to anti-poaching in order  
32 to create jobs for deterring and preventing poaching activities;

33 (b) Similar provisions be drawn in order to prevent and punish illegal deforestation and destruction  
34 of natural preserves;

35 5. *Encourages* Member States to promote and protect their own national wildlife by:

36 (a) Deterring deforestation through planting trees or other native flora in their State's region;

37 (b) Using NGOs to assist in the planting of indigenous flora.

Passed, Yes: 31 / No: 10 / Abstain: 3