



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Second Committee

GA Second/II/4

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 *Recalling* the passing of Resolution 70/193 on sustainable tourism on 9 February 2016, in regards to the
2 General Assembly's recognition of the increasing importance of agrotourism,

3 *Believing* wholeheartedly that the primary benefactors of ecotourism should be the host communities,

4 *Acknowledging* the ability of agrotourism to supplement and stabilize rural and regional communities' income,

5 *Realizing* the need for tourism that is at the same time educational, economically advantageous and envi-
6 ronmentally conscious,

7 *Bearing* in mind the widespread seasonal income fluctuations of rural farming communities across many
8 Member States,

9 *Reaffirming* the need for any increase in agrotourism to be both cognizant and mindful of the inherent
10 environmental impact of international tourism,

11 1. *Seeks* to raise awareness about the opportunities presented by agrotourism through local community
12 centers, schools, universities and churches;

13 2. *Encourages* farms engaging in agrotourism to reinvest the profits back into the farm to diversify their
14 sources of income;

15 3. *Advises* increases in education, both in regards to the host communities and the consumers by:

16 (a) Providing training in hospitality management to host communities, as to help them establish
17 and/or run their respective agrotourism franchises;

18 (b) Informing host communities of the economic benefits of allowing the consumers to become
19 involved in the agricultural process, i.e. picking, harvesting and watering the crops themselves, saving the host
20 communities partial costs of labor;

21 (c) Raising awareness among prospective tourists over the benefits of patronizing the agrotourism
22 industry;

23 (d) Engaging local colleges, universities and entrepreneurs to aid agricultural producers in creating
24 sustainable business plans based on the staffing and material needs of agrotourism operations;

25 4. *Reaffirms* the belief that any agrotourism must be committed to combating the environmental damage
26 that is often associated with increases in tourism by:

27 (a) Recommending more sustainable forms of international travel;

28 (b) Encouraging intra-regional travel in order to reduce the environmental damage caused by con-
29 ventional long distance travel.

Passed, Yes: 36 / No: 2 / Abstain: 5