

American Model United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:Building resilience to cross-border disastersSUBMITTED TO:The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

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1 Acknowledging the advancements in data collection on natural disasters through the World Meteorological 2 Organization, the Typhoon Committee and others global organizations,

3 Acknowledging also the advancements in data collection on natural disasters through the Asian Pacific 4 Partnership, the Asian and Pacific Center for the Development of Disaster Information Management and other 5 regionally-based, regionally-focused organizations,

Recalling the Regional Road Map for Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, particularly the dedication to transboundary infrastructure networks,

8 *Bearing in mind* the importance of early response to prevent spillover of disasters from local areas to a 9 broader region,

10 1. *Encourages* that natural disaster tracking technology be used to follow natural disasters in the region, 11 noting frequency, size, and which countries would be most affected by impending natural disasters:

(a) Tracking the path of natural disasters along with the area of effect to predict countries are likely
to be most affected by these natural disasters and aid with necessary preparations and evacuations;

14 (b) Using collected data to determine infrastructure improvements with other aid needed to help 15 the affected regions;

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(c) Ensuring that all natural disaster tracking technology also be applied to rural and impoverished areas;

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(d) Limiting the tracking of data to only climate-related matters to respect national sovereignty;

2. *Suggests* that more funding be allocated to Member States most affected by impending natural disasters as predicted through tracking technology;

3. *Considers* the use of past data to shape responses and preparedness:

22 (a) Providing resources to countries to create evacuation and contingency plans for promoting citizen

23 safety;

(b) Post-disaster reviews shared between countries to discuss the effectiveness of plans in use and suggest modifications;

(c) Countries may consider utilizing the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems
(RIMES) to share data.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions