



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

ESCAP/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Building resilience to cross-border disasters

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

1 *Acknowledging* the four priorities of the Sendai Framework with particular emphasis on Priority 4: Enhancing  
2 disaster preparedness for effective response and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction,

3 *Recognizing* that the Asia and Pacific regions are particularly vulnerable to natural disasters such as earth-  
4 quakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, sand and dust storms and wildfires,

5 *Alarmed by* the hundreds of billions of dollars in economic loss each year as a result of natural disasters,

6 *Noting* that cross-border cooperation is essential to protecting the region as a whole but that each state has  
7 the right to administer disaster response within their borders,

8 *Recognizing* the efforts of the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (RIMES) to alert  
9 citizens in low-income areas during cross-border disasters,

10 *Considering* the disparity between wealthier Member States regarding existing monitoring technology and  
11 smaller, less-developed Member States without the capability to operate technology required to provide accurate and  
12 timely information,

13 1. *Suggests* Member States to undertake infrastructure improvements to facilitate regional databases in  
14 which Member States can freely share, of their own accord, information relating to the early response and research  
15 of natural disasters;

16 2. *Supports* Member States to seek funding for and initiate digital and physical city mapping efforts in areas  
17 at-risk of experiencing natural disasters to establish and enhance evacuation and emergency relief procedures;

18 3. *Encourages* Member States to research nuclear energy and other clean alternatives to fossil fuels under  
19 the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Association (IAEA) inspections and regulations:

20 (a) This would be intended to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and work towards the 2050 carbon  
21 neutrality goals in order to help prevent natural disasters;

22 4. *Recommends* Member States to implement a regional education program to instruct citizens on prepared-  
23 ness and recovery measures;

24 5. *Advises* Member States within the Asia-Pacific region to support advanced response and alert systems to  
25 warn of coming storms that could threaten the entire region following the established precedent of Regional Integrated  
26 Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (RIMES);

27 6. *Reminds* Member States to utilize stormwater intervention tunnels to control flooding by changing the  
28 speed of water drainage, as well as other effective flood prevention strategies utilized by Member States in the region;

29 7. *Also Encourages* Asian-Pacific States to share technology, software and education to help lesser-developed  
30 nations in the region have access to modern natural disaster detection devices and data.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions