



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

ESCAP/II/3

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 *Affirming* that the Member States in the Asia-Pacific region are disproportionately affected by natural
2 disasters, as it contains a great number of developing nations,

3 *Recognizing* the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on international trade and global supply
4 chains,

5 *Alarmed by* the vulnerability of Asian Member States to natural disasters and other destructive acts of
6 nature,

7 *Noting with concern* that impacted communities in the Asia-Pacific Region do not have adequate access to
8 financial aid and short-term loans during times of crisis,

9 *Emphasizing* the need for strong economic ties between Member States in the Asia-Pacific region, especially
10 during times of emergency,

11 *Aware of* the many benefits of free trade and its contributions to economic growth,

12 1. *Recommends* that Member States prioritize the delivery of emergency supplies, including food, water,
13 medical supplies and construction materials, to ports during times of emergency;

14 2. *Suggests* Member States to give aid to other member states in need, but to limit that aid to only what is
15 required and to respect that nation's sovereignty;

16 3. *Expresses its hope* that domestic banks in Member States will grant low interest temporary loans to
17 communities most impacted by a natural disaster, promoting development among destruction;

18 4. *Further recommends* that Member States exchange valuable items such as technology and equipment to
19 help prevent future natural disasters and warn local communities of impending acts of nature;

20 5. *Supports* Member States to form groups of regional dock workers to assist Member State's ports at times
21 of emergency, ensuring regional cohesion and preventing the disruption of international trade;

22 6. *Encourages* Member States to lower tariffs on essential goods during temporary natural disaster emergency
23 periods, lasting no more than three weeks, in order to facilitate a free flow of emergency supplies to member states
24 and their communities affected drastically by destructive acts of nature.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions