



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

ESCAP/II/4

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 *Reaffirming* the work of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the United Nations Office for
2 Disaster Risk Reduction and the United Nations Environmental Program,

3 *Acknowledging* that climate change exacerbates the intensity and frequency of natural disasters,

4 *Encouraging* all Member States to ratify and/or become a signatory to existing UN commitments on climate
5 change adaptation, such as the Paris Climate Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction,

6 *Reiterating* that developing States often lack adequate resources for adapting to climate change and prevent-
7 ing the devastating effects caused by natural disasters in the region,

8 1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to consider the importance of funding and the creation of disaster
9 risk management initiatives when considering the effects of climate change in the Asia-Pacific region;

10 2. *Recommends* the establishment of a program in which domestic leaders, as well as citizens of Member
11 States, can be educated on the effects and prevention of climate change:

12 (a) This consultative program would provide case-by-case guidance to States seeking to better adapt
13 their disaster prevention systems to climate change;

14 (b) This program would also include disaster response training programs for citizens in rural areas;

15 (c) This disaster response training would include education on how to identify a possible natural
16 disaster before it strikes and on evasion tactics should one be caught within a natural disaster;

17 3. *Encourages* the Economic and Social Council to collaborate with existing regional banks and NGOs when
18 working towards the improvement of disaster risk management systems.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions