SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Building resilience to cross-border disasters

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

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

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

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

Reiterating that developing States often lack adequate resources for adapting to climate change and preventing the devastating effects caused by natural disasters in the region,

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

2. Recommends the establishment of a program in which domestic leaders, as well as citizens of Member States, can be educated on the effects and prevention of climate change:
   (a) This consultative program would provide case-by-case guidance to States seeking to better adapt their disaster prevention systems to climate change;
   (b) This program would also include disaster response training programs for citizens in rural areas;
   (c) This disaster response training would include education on how to identify a possible natural disaster before it strikes and on evasion tactics should one be caught within a natural disaster;

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

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions