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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1. Recognizing the disproportionate effect environmental, economic, social, and political crises have on economically and socially vulnerable populations,

2. Understanding that humanitarian disasters can cause persons to flee homes and become refugees,

3. Reaffirming a Member State’s Responsibility to Protect (R2P),

4. Acknowledging developed Member States with robust industry have heavily contributed to worldwide climate change,

5. Bearing in mind that Member States with larger area and economy have a greater capability to take refugees from under-developed regions impacted by natural disasters,

1. Appeals that Member States develop robust systems to take refugees;

2. Suggests Member States to take proper response after a humanitarian disaster has occurred:

   (a) Providing training to volunteers or workers to aid and assist in disaster relief;

   (b) The training should include, but not be limited to; medical aid, food aid and infrastructure rebuilding;

   (c) Use of the United Nations Relief Fund to support the economy should be a major source of income;

3. Recommends that Member States attempt to use preventative infrastructure to limit damages inflicted upon communities:

   (a) Implementing previous Bangladeshi policies of;
    
    (i) Early warning systems;

   (ii) Government preparedness programs;

   (b) Building homes and buildings with sustainable materials;

4. Invites Member States funnel resources towards rural communities after humanitarian disasters to make sure such communities get proper support:

   (a) These resources should include, but not be limited to;

   (i) Food, water, medicine, clothes and temporary housing;

   (ii) Government support for permanent housing;

   (iii) Resources from international and domestic non-governmental organizations that provide essential supplies;

5. Calls upon Member States to assist refugees transitioning to normal life after humanitarian disaster:

   (a) Providing temporary shelter to refugees seeking asylum in other countries;

   (i) Ensuring refugee settlements meet the standards of human life;

   (b) Providing income opportunities to refugees;

   (i) Creating programs that address environmental and humanitarian concerns of Member States;
6. Also Recommends Member States to create Income programs similar to Bangladesh’s program for Rohingya Muslim refugees, which provides training and employment opportunities to refugees;

7. Expresses its hope that Member States who cannot provide such settlements to instead ensure safe passage through other Member States.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions.