



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

ESCAP/II/5

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 *Recognizing* the disproportionate effect environmental, economic, social, and political crises have on econom-
2 ically and socially vulnerable populations,

3 *Understanding* that humanitarian disasters can cause persons to flee homes and become refugees,

4 *Reaffirming* a Member State's Responsibility to Protect (R2P),

5 *Acknowledging* developed Member States with robust industry have heavily contributed to worldwide climate
6 change,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (a) Implementing previous Bangladeshi policies of;

19 (i) Early warning systems;

20 (ii) Government preparedness programs;

21 (b) Building homes and buildings with sustainable materials;

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

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

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

26 (ii) Government support for permanent housing;

27 (iii) Resources from international and domestic non-governmental organizations that provide essen-
28 tial supplies;

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

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

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

32 (b) Providing income opportunities to refugees;

33 (i) Creating programs that address environmental and humanitarian concerns of Member States;

34 6. *Also Recommends* Member States to create Income programs similar to Bangladesh's program for Ro-
35 hingya Muslim refugees, which provides training and employment opportunities to refugees;

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

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions