



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Fourth Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Assistance in mine action

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Fourth Committee

The General Assembly Fourth Committee,

1 *Recalling* the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-
2 Personnel Mines and on their Destruction as well as resolution 51/45, resolution 48/75, and resolution 49/75 previous
3 resolutions of the General Assembly that address international agreements on landmines,

4 *Emphasizing* the importance of the accession of the Ottawa Convention by non-party Member States in its
5 goals of eliminating anti-personnel landmines and reducing their potential for civilian harm,

6 *Noting* the need to expand the global conversation around mine abatement to adapt to new technologies in
7 addition to traditional anti-personnel mines,

8 *Remaining Deeply conscious of* the devastating harm that landmines cause to communities, even decades
9 post-conflict,

10 *Stressing* the disproportionate impact that landmines have on civilian populations, especially among children,
11 who make up an estimated 54% of all civilian casualties,

12 *Being Aware of* the drastic lack of adequate resources provided to landmine victim recovery and rehabili-
13 tation,

14 *Fully Believing* in the importance of educational initiatives and public awareness in reducing landmine
15 casualties,

16 *Being Conscious of* the United Nations gender guidelines on mine action, the work of UN Women, and
17 resolution 2122 (2013) of 18 October 2013 on women's empowerment as critical to peace and security,

18 *Further Recognizing* the need for sufficient and sustained funding for all facets of anti-personnel mine relief
19 and community recovery,

20 1. *Supports* all action to further provide aid to communities affected by mines;

21 2. *Calls for* a renewed effort for the accession of the Ottawa Convention by non-party member states:

22 (a) Recognizes the importance of the Oslo Action Plan in the universalization of the Ottawa Con-
23 vention;

24 (b) Endorses the continued mine action norm adherence by Member States not party to Ottawa
25 Convention;

26 (c) Encourages states to collaborate on anti-personnel and anti-vehicle landmine action;

27 (d) Stresses the need for continued commitment from member states to achieve the aim of the Ottawa
28 Convention to eliminate anti-personnel landmines;

29 3. *Encourages* the United Nations to adopt broader language when discussing anti-personnel explosive
30 devices, recognizing that improvised explosive devices are increasingly taking the place of traditional landmines in
31 many zones of conflict;;

32 4. *Urges* increased attention and resources to those affected by landmines by expanding the already in place
33 programs in United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and working towards innovative measures:

34 (a) Reaffirms the obligation of states party to the Ottawa Convention to provide victim assistance
35 to both immediate and long term need in the areas of;

36 (i) Emergency and continuing medical care;

- 37 (ii) Physical rehabilitation;
- 38 (iii) Psychosocial support and social inclusion;
- 39 (b) Encourages the continued implementation of local government-sponsored drives to provide people
40 temporarily displaced by landmine clearance programs with adequate resources;
- 41 (c) Reminds Member States to work towards the goals of the Ottawa Convention as stated in Article
42 6, Subsection 3 to enable the economic reintegration of victims of mine warfare, with an emphasis on providing
43 temporary housing infrastructure to house civilians during the removal of landmines in their respective communities
44 through doing the following in conjunction with existing United Nations and International Red Cross and Red
45 Crescent Movement programs;
- 46 (i) Focusing on the improvement of transport facilities and resource distribution infrastructure to
47 assist in the goal of providing temporary housing locations sufficiently;
- 48 (ii) Creating temporary housing with sustainable building infrastructure that can be taken down or
49 remodeled for various future uses;
- 50 (iii) Acknowledging the environmental concerns that temporary housing imposes on the land;
- 51 (iv) Further acknowledging the financial undertaking of temporary housing and emphasizing its
52 long-term benefits;
- 53 5. *Calls upon* all Member States to work closely with all other Member States with interest in the removal
54 of landmines in affected areas;
- 55 6. Encourages Member States to provide assistance in mine removal equipment;
- 56 7. Further encourages Member States to accept mine removal advising from governments that have under-
57 taken successful anti-mine operations in the past while undertaking current mine removal operations;
- 58 8. Promotes UNMAS and local government partnerships for education of mine removal programs in nations
59 and individual regions;
- 60 9. *Suggests* that United Nations agencies, with an emphasis on UNMAS, United Nations International Chil-
61 dren's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations Education, Scientific and Culture Organization (UNESCO),
62 focus on developing educational initiatives through the framework of UNMAS's mine risk education initiative on
63 landmine dangers:
- 64 (a) Calls for these initiatives to consist of multilingual public awareness campaigns on landmine
65 awareness in national and international arenas, civilian safety in landmine affected areas, and victim awareness
66 achieved through;
- 67 (i) Government-sponsored advertisement campaigns;
- 68 (ii) Social media challenges through existing United Nations social media accounts;
- 69 (iii) Partnerships with local non-governmental organizations;
- 70 (iv) Reminds Member States that landmines affect countries differently, and stresses the impor-
71 tance of localized education efforts for each particular region, achieved through national government
72 partnerships;
- 73 (b) Further reminds Member States that youth populations impacted by landmines and seeks for
74 the United Nations and individual regions to educate youth as to their dangers;
- 75 (c) Recommends the United Nations Fourth Committee to develop centralized standards of educa-
76 tional initiatives on landmines, while taking into consideration regional differences;
- 77 10. *Reiterates* the need to empower women, through collaboration with Goal Four of UN Women's Strategic
78 Plan on peace security and humanitarian action, as a critical factor in achieving peace and security by strengthening
79 gender equality in the mine action sector to reach possible solutions to this long standing problem:
- 80 (a) *Expanding* access to training opportunities for women in the field of mine clearance in the goal
81 of achieving gender equity;
- 82 (i) Focus current training programs on underprivileged and underdeveloped communities;

- 83 (ii) Center training on a local level to account for regional differences;
84 (b) *Establishing protections* for women from sexual violence and harassment in the mine action
85 sector;
86 (i) Expand access to human resources, particularly victim support;
87 (ii) Promptly remove those who commit acts of sexual violence and harassment from their employ-
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Passed, Yes: 36 / No: 27 / Abstain: 7