



American Model United Nations
United Nations Environment Assembly

UNEA/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Poverty-environment nexus

SUBMITTED TO: The United Nations Environment Assembly

The United Nations Environment Assembly,

1 *Reaffirming* its Declaration of 1992 Rio Declaration On Environmental and Development:

2 1. Bearing in mind that all Member States shall cooperate to conserve, protect, and restore the
3 health and integrity of the world's water sources,

4 2. Confident in the shared responsibility and participation of all Member States individual public
5 authorities,

6 3. Seeking the joint voices and inputs of Member States without regard to economic status and the
7 inclusion of Member States struggling with high rates of poverty,

8 *Recognizing* the importance of Sustainable Development Goals 6, the commitment to clean water and sani-
9 tation,

10 *Acknowledging* Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) as a current and important benefactor to water
11 decontamination globally because of their promotion of water treatment options and water safety plans,

12 *Considering* the present boards that resides over similar issues such as the UN environmental Programme,

13 *Bearing in mind* that states most affected by pollution are those with high poverty rates:

14 1. *Additionally* women and girls are often not given the same opportunities as men when there is a
15 lack of easily available resources increasing their level of poverty,

16 1. *Endorses* for the domestic regulation of companies to operate with transparency, accountability, and
17 responsibility for their actions while operating in respective countries;

18 2. *Calls upon* the extension of the partnership between WASH:

19 (a) *Recommends* to extend for four (4) years until the year 2025 to re-evaluate the impact the
20 program has at that current time;

21 (i) Affirms the WASH programs being directed towards low income and poverty stricken regions;

22 (ii) Emphasizing the roles of the environment on poverty;

23 (b) *Strongly Recommends* for increased funding from United Nations International Children's Fund
24 (UNICEF) for the continuation and upkeep of the programme;

25 3. *Requests* from the United Nations that the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues
26 relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction
27 to ensure actions to reduce the harmful impacts of climate change by pollutants in waterways and oceans:

28 (a) Having the additional topic of transparency from national laws and regulations on pollution into
29 waterways and oceans;

30 (i) With the meaning of transparency being held in regards to companies that heavily contribute to
31 pollution;

32 (ii) Contributing by researching ways to address the accountability of transparency of these compa-
33 nies;

34 (iii) Inclusion of a measurement of the top chemical pollutants and their origin;

35 (b) Acknowledging that people in poverty rely on the oceans and waterways for food and water
36 access;

37 4. *Trusts* the impact that these additions to research will have a positive effect on those experiencing poverty.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions