



American Model United Nations
**Economic Commission for Latin America and the
Caribbean**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The inefficiency of inequality

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

1 *Acknowledging* the inefficiencies caused natural disasters and climate change which lead to the exacerbation
2 of inequalities experienced in the Latin America and the Caribbean Member States,

3 *Deeply concerned* with changes to global climate and how their effects on global environment and South
4 development might exacerbate existing inequalities,

5 1. *Noting* the importance of biodiversity in the environment to fight climate change;

6 2. *Reaffirming* commitment to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly:

7 (a) Affordable and clean energy (SDG 7);

8 (b) Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10);

9 (c) Climate action (SDG 13);

10 (d) Life on land (SDG 14);

11 (e) Life on water (SDG 15);

12 (f) Partnerships for goals (SDG 17);

13 3. *Recognizing* that achievement of the SDG is dependant upon national and regional equitable implemen-
14 tation of policy;

15 4. *Stressing* the risk of natural disasters and devastation caused by significant changes to the global climate
16 and the pressing nature of collaborative action towards the mitigation of this threat specifically within the region of
17 Latin America and the Caribbean;

18 5. *Acknowledging* the environmental implications of traditional tourism, Member States must seek to develop
19 sustainable measures for this practice, such that promote the importance of ecotourism and equitable access to the
20 tourism economy;

21 6. *Fully alarmed* of the possibility of the increased number of climate migrants in Latin America and the
22 Caribbean that could result from ongoing climate changes and how this displacement might exacerbate inequalities;

23 7. *Recognizing* historically, the Global North had the ability to industrialize without regulations or concerns
24 of the environment and this has strengthened inequalities between the Global North and the Global South;

25 8. *Stressing* the risk of natural disasters and devastation caused by significant changes to the global climate;

26 9. *Recognizing* that the exploitation of natural resources continues to fuel inequality in Latin America and
27 the Caribbean;

28 10. *Posits* a need to address rising sea levels, currently at unprecedented levels that will threaten areas near
29 sea level, as well as any land that has been reclaimed from the sea;;

30 11. *Emphasizes* the importance of biodiversity in sustaining a healthy environment, including but not limited
31 to:

32 (a) Protection of endangered wildlife;

33 (b) Prevention of releasing invasive species;

34 (c) Keeping protected lands maintained;

35 12. *Encourages* distribution of information for collaboration and advisement to face the global threat of
36 climate change,;

37 13. *Recommends* Member States use of renewable energy for cleaner, more equitable and more sustainable
38 environmental practices, including but not limited to:

- 39 (a) Wind;
- 40 (b) Solar;
- 41 (c) Geothermal;
- 42 (d) Hydroelectric;
- 43 (e) Biomass;
- 44 (f) Oceanic;

45 14. *Urges* Latin American and Caribbean countries to consider decreasing carbon dioxide emissions, including
46 but not limited to, the use of:

- 47 (a) Sustainable mining practices;
- 48 (b) Increased efficiency of public transit methods to reduce car emissions;
- 49 (c) Improved farming techniques;
- 50 (d) Working to shift industrialization practices and current industries to sustainable practices;

51 15. *Strongly encourages* regulatory legislation of the exportation of a country's natural resources by limiting
52 actions such as, but not limited to, deforestation and mining;

53 16. *Recognizes* the importance of the Global South's environmental well being;

54 17. *Regrets* economic dependency on exportation and exploitation of natural resources;

55 18. *Acknowledges* the magnitude of tourism related revenue;

56 19. *Urges* Member States to consider implementing ecotourism as a sustainable alternative to traditional
57 tourism, which would minimize the disruption of local ecosystems and promote eco-friendly practices;

58 20. *Draws attention to* solutions regarding the prevention of climate migration, consisting of but not re-
59 stricted to:

- 60 (a) Diversification of crops which are more adapted to local soil;
- 61 (b) The planting of trees so as to avoid potential climate-caused landslides;
- 62 (c) The provision of housing that can withstand increasingly volatile environmental conditions;
- 63 (d) The education of people on safer cattling practices;

64 21. *Further recommends* advanced protections and aid for climate refugees and displaced persons;

65 22. *Further urges* promoting environmental awareness and global citizenship;

66 23. *Encourages* the application of policies regarding the natural disaster resilience and resilient infrastructure
67 for countries that are already suffering from the consequences of global warming which further exacerbate inequalities
68 experienced by Latin American and Caribbean Member States;

69 24. *Calls upon* Latin American and Caribbean Member States to implement sustainable forestry practices,
70 such as, but not limited to:

- 71 (a) Forest conservation;
- 72 (b) Small-scale harvesting;
- 73 (c) Reclamation;
- 74 (d) Reforestation;

75 25. *Endorses* the strengthening of natural resource governance to combat inequalities caused by resource
76 exploitation.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions