



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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1 *Acknowledging* that natural disasters disproportionately affect emerging economies and their citizens,

2 *Having heard* findings from the “Global Status of Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems” report by the
3 United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO),
4 which stated that half of the world is unprepared for natural disasters,

5 *Reaffirming* UN resolution 77/29 of 6 December 2022, whose aim is to strengthen the coordination of hu-
6 manitarian and disaster relief assistance of the UN,

7 *Further reaffirming* UN resolution 77/28 of 6 December 2022, whose aim is to strengthen the coordination
8 of the UN’s emergency humanitarian assistance,

9 *Recalling* UN resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and its subsequent establishment of the Office for the
10 Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA),

11 *Further acknowledging* the goals set by the Protection of Civilians Mandate set for the United Nations
12 Peacekeepers,

13 *Recognizing* that the number of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) involved in providing humanitar-
14 ian aid has expanded more than tenfold in the past 30 years,

15 *Recalling* UN Sustainable Development Goals 3 (ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all
16 ages), 9 (build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation),
17 11 (make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable), 13 (take urgent action to combat
18 climate change and its impact) and 17 (strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership
19 for Sustainable Development),

20 1. *Strongly supports* international cooperation to provide victims of natural disasters the humanitarian
21 assistance needed to ensure their safety, as well as the aid necessary to restore and improve the resilience of vulnerable
22 Member States’ infrastructure and critical sectors;

23 2. *Further supports* the continued efforts of the United Nations in publishing detailed reports on disaster
24 response capabilities, climate change, and vulnerable populations;

25 3. *Calls for* strengthening the capacity of OCHA to coordinate the response to, develop policy for and share
26 information about humanitarian crises worldwide by: :

27 (a) Recommending the establishment of more OCHA liaison offices located in Member States that
28 face an increased risk of experiencing natural disasters;

29 (b) Endorsing open access to information regarding disaster prevention technologies, such as early-
30 detection systems;

31 (c) Suggesting the implementation of comprehensive risk assessment systems to quantify the re-
32 siliance of infrastructure to enhance disaster-resilience;

33 4. *Encourages* all able Member States to provide more funding to the Central Emergency Response Fund
34 (CERF);

35 5. *Requests* that the United Nations Security Council expand the role of the UN Peacekeepers in order to
36 help in the time leading up to, during, and after natural disasters occur;

37 6. *Encourages* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to define climate refugee as
38 all those displaced due to natural disasters;

39 7. *Requests* the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) to appoint a Special Rapporteur for each
40 of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) designated global regions in order to effectively coordinate
41 global efforts and implement regional solutions before, during and after natural disasters, have the office of the Special
42 Rapporteur work to educate global citizens regarding improved resiliency of community response through the training
43 of disaster response, first aid and coordination skills;

44 8. *Proposes* a conference hosted by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), with the general goal
45 of educating Member States about disaster prevention through sustainable development including urban planning,
46 infrastructure and building architecture that aims to:

47 (a) Urge the body to focus on the training of local communities and construction professionals on
48 ways to design and build more resilient infrastructure and shelters before natural disasters;

49 (b) Recommend further research and investments in innovative strategies for constructing, main-
50 taining and repairing infrastructure by using appropriate sustainable materials and methods to increase service life,
51 strength and capabilities of said infrastructure to minimize disruptions in vulnerable communities;

52 (c) Call for the restoration of ecosystems that minimize destruction caused by natural disasters;

53 9. *Encourages* the international community to increase their funding for domestic development programs
54 with stronger oversight to ensure funds are used as intended;

55 10. *Recommends* that Member States propose appropriate legislation that addresses issues unique to their
56 environment along the guidelines proposed by the conference referenced in Clause 8;

57 11. *Further recommends* Member States adopt legislation focused on meeting the Sustainable Development
58 Goals as they relate to disaster relief and infrastructure development.

Passed, Yes: 62 / No: 6 / Abstain: 8