



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

GA Third/II/3

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Preventing and combating crimes that affect the environment

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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1 *Seeing* the rampant environmental crimes occurring throughout the globe with a strong emphasis on the
2 Global South,

3 *Noting* the importance of natural resources in the economies of the Global South,

4 *Fully believing* that the economic development of the Global South must be prioritized, especially in concern
5 to natural resources,

6 *Bearing in mind* the importance of protecting wildlife from poaching and trafficking,

7 *Fully aware* of the environmental harm caused by illicit mining, fishing, logging and other environmental
8 crimes,

9 *Emphasizing* United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13, specifically its focus on sustainable natural
10 resource management,

11 *Reaffirming* the commitment of Member States of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered
12 Species of Flora and Fauna,

13 *Acknowledging* that the revenue from environmental crimes is one of the largest financiers of armed conflict
14 resulting in prolonged fighting and humanitarian conflicts,

15 *Deeply concerned* by the use of populated seas to dispose of waste internationally,

16 *Desiring* an early solution to the serious environmental problems facing many island nations,

17 1. *Encourages* internationally recognized experts to closely observe and keep records of previously harmed
18 environments;

19 2. *Endorses* the collaboration between academic institutions and government organizations in order to better
20 observe our natural environments such as coral reefs and forested areas;

21 3. *Stresses* that Member States cooperate with Interpol and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
22 to combat criminal groups exploiting nature internationally;

23 4. *Deplores* actions that threaten the livelihoods of local citizens where illegal fishing occurs;

24 5. *Encourages* Member States to create anti-poaching units in an effort to deter poachers;

25 6. *Invites* Member States to prioritize the prevention of illegal mining operations within each respective
26 Member State;

27 7. *Strongly deplores* the use of dangerous chemicals in mining that harms the general populous;

28 8. *Seeks* to sustainably expand and develop energy industries, with the intent of encouraging interested
29 individuals qualifying for permits to take advantage of an economically viable market to support the development of
30 the Member State in which the operations are undertaken;

31 9. *Recognizes* the threat presented by the spread of desertification, and how illegal deforestation efforts
32 exacerbate this;

33 10. *Requests* the international community to establish a dedicated fund to support the development and
34 implementation of sustainable practices, conservation efforts including raising awareness and restoration projects in
35 regions affected by environmental crimes;

36 11. *Also recommends* that Member States raise awareness and increase education on crimes against the
37 environment and their victims, potentially through the creation of government funded social programs;

38 12. *Advises* voluntary investment in the technology that produces renewable energy;

39 13. *Calls upon* Member States to recognize the disastrous, and often illegal, deforestation perpetrated by
40 foreign interests;

41 14. *Encourages* further promotion of advertisements on the current environmental state of the planet;

42 15. *Endorses* the international community to strictly monitor their environmental layout;

43 16. *Recognizes* the devastating impact deforestation can have on surrounding flora and fauna;

44 17. *Further recommends* that Member States expand designated protected natural areas with special em-
45 phasis given to indigenous land;

46 18. *Underscores* the importance of providing subsidies on afforestation and conservation in order to preserve
47 and promote the protection of the environment and combat environmental crime;

48 19. *Considers* collaboration to enhance intelligence-sharing mechanisms, technological innovation and inves-
49 tigative capacities to effectively combat transnational environmental crimes;

50 20. *Urges* the further regulation of the actions of corporations that harm the environment, including:

51 (a) Greater assessment of the environmental impact of operations;

52 (b) Establishment of standardized penalties for those who release or extract harmful substances;

53 21. *Strongly advises* for the regulation and respect of maritime boundaries between Member States, as a
54 form of preventing the appropriation and exploitation of natural resources;

55 22. *Further invites* Member States to acknowledge the reliance on shared resources between Member States'
56 borders such as freshwater resources, such as rivers and lakes;

57 23. *Requests* ecological, economic and sociological surveys and workshops to provide information (including
58 indigenous knowledge) to guide integrated ecosystem management, planning and implementation, as a potential
59 deterrent to environmental crime, with the focus on:

60 (a) Creating workshops on ecosystem management and services regarding their interlinkages and the
61 relationships to the well-being of people;

62 (b) Developing innovative and cost effective management approaches to natural resources in different
63 ecosystems;

64 (c) Developing public, community and private sector partnership for ecosystem planning and imple-
65 mentation;

66 (d) Implement economic and technical programs to encourage farmers to practice conservation farm-
67 ing.

Passed, Yes: 49 / No: 3 / Abstain: 10