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General Assembly Second Committee

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Topic: "Sustainable Development: Disaster Risk Reduction"

Deeply disturbed by the 68,000 lives lost per year due to natural disasters,

Aware that many countries are not taking the necessary measures to protect themselves,

Willing to take action to create a safer environment,

Fully believing that changes can be made,

1. Emphasizes the need for equal education of children and adults regarding natural disaster safety;
2. Encourages the building of shelters for the people who have been harmed by these disasters;
3. Recommends the practice of nation-wide safety drills and training of relief teams;
4. Recommends that evacuation routes are accessible to all during situations of natural hazards;
5. Calls upon other countries to donate food, technology, and medicinal aid to those affected by disasters;
6. Requests that safe housing is provided for temporary relief;
7. Supports the building of water barriers to help reduce flooding and water born illnesses;
8. Believes that strong infrastructure should be put into place to help prevent and minimize damage and that safe and thorough building codes should be implemented;
9. Ensures that infrastructure such as underground powerlines and energy efficient technology will be put in place to lessen the effects of these hazards;
10. Invites coastal countries to build artificial reefs to act as barriers, and implement artificial rivers and lakes to reduce the risk of landslides;
11. Further encourages the use of sea trenches around coastal regions to re-direct the impact of tsunamis and other water-related hazards;
12. Further supports implementing early warning systems such as water-measuring buoys, tornado sirens, and other technology;
13. Expresses its hope that the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction's Safe Schools and Hospitals program will be expanded globally;
14. Suggests that people who are severely affected by natural disasters are given a discount on healthcare;
15. Advises countries to acknowledge climate change and the connection it has to natural hazards and disasters as well as put efforts forward to combat it.