

# National Model United Nations

## Week A

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1 *Recalling* Articles 3 and 25 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* stating the right of  
2 every human being to an adequate standard of living and security,  
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4 *Regarding* the correlation between resource scarcity and conflict and Resolution 1625 recognizes  
5 the pivotal role of regional organizations in addressing the issue,  
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7 *Recognizing* the threats to peace and security that occur when countries with diverging national  
8 interests compete over limited natural resources,  
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10 *Stressing its desire* to find ways to ensure a prompt and more effective deployment of  
11 emergency humanitarian aid,  
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13 *Cognizant* of the efforts of the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in  
14 coordinating humanitarian relief missions in relation to resource scarcity in conflict zones,  
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16 *Recognizing* that cooperation is crucial to avoid escalation of violence as a consequence of  
17 resource scarcity,  
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19 *Further reminding* that any future resolutions and mechanisms addressing conflict, originating  
20 from resource scarcity, must respect national sovereignty, territorial integrity and the principle of  
21 non-interference in domestic affairs,  
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23 *The United Nations Security Council,*  
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- 25 1) *Reaffirms* the authority for the Security Council on resource-related violent conflicts that  
26 pose a threat to international peace and security, while differentiating among long and  
27 short term reactions to regional and international scarcity in basic human necessities  
28 notably food, water, raw materials and energy resources;  
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- 30 2) *Recommends* that in order to promote an efficient regional approach to conflict  
31 prevention, existing regional organizations, such as the European Union (EU), African  
32 Union (AU), League of Arab States, Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), and the  
33 Organization of American States (OAS) submit a report to the Security Council within  
34 the first three years of this resolution to outline regions affected or vulnerable to an  
35 outbreak of conflict due to resource scarcity to allow a peaceful negotiation among  
36 Member States over the modes of exploiting common resource supplies;  
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- 38 3) *Further encourages* the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34) to further  
39 improve the work of existing peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions by addressing the  
40 need of expertise on recognizing and assessing vulnerable situations in on-going conflicts  
41 caused by resource scarcity as well as the urgency to provide accurate efficient reports to  
42 the Security Council with the guidance of regional bodies previously mentioned in order  
43 to effectively prevent conflicts in practice;

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- 4) *Calls upon the United Nations Interagency Framework Team for Coordination on Preventive Action* to contribute towards greater cooperation among the Regional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council through the sharing of information including best practices, early warning systems, and creating opportunities for open dialogue on critical shortages in resources;
- 5) *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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1 *Deeply convinced* of the necessity to make the unalienable right of every human being to an  
2 adequate standard of living a reality,  
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4 *Understanding* that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)  
5 does not bear any mandate over domestic policy of member states,  
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7 *Complementing* the international community for its past successes in the provision of food aid to  
8 regions in conflict,  
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10 *Encouraging* all states to effectively manage their natural resources so as to avoid conflict,  
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12 *Recalling* the Council's conviction, put forth in Resolution 1625, of the pivotal role that regional  
13 cooperation has to play in the solution of resource-related conflict,  
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15 *Recalling* the 2011 World Development Report by the World Bank in reference to the data and  
16 recommendations expressed in the report and acknowledgment of resource scarcity being a threat  
17 multiplier,  
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19 *Acknowledging* the fact that there are various causes of resource scarcity, climate change being a  
20 major one among them,  
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22 *Emphasizing* that in order to prevent potential conflicts resulting from resource scarcity on a long  
23 term basis a comprehensive approach identifying and dealing with all major causes of resource  
24 scarcity is needed,  
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26 *Affirming* that resource scarcity is a development issue and should be addressed in the context of  
27 sustainable development as a socio-economic issue,  
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29 *Emphasizing* that all resolutions related to conflict resulting from resource scarcity must respect  
30 territorial integrity, national sovereignty and the principle of non-interference in domestic affairs,  
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32 *The United Nations Security Council,*  
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- 34 1) *Recommends* the Economic and Social Council to commission the establishment of a  
35 World Food Security Panel that shall continue monitor increases across major food prices  
36 indices within and thereby act as a reliable early warning system reporting to the Security  
37 Council with regards to the outbreak of food crises;  
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- 39 2) *Advises* the United Nations International Children's Education Fund (UNICEF) and the  
40 World Health Organization (WHO) Joint Monitoring Program on Water Supply and  
41 Sanitation to monitor potential threats to the world water supply and attempt to determine  
42 the causation of such potential shortages by including expert opinions and interested

43 parties and states for the purpose of an early warning system to spur critical regional and  
44 global action;

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46 3) *Recommends* Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to commission the Global  
47 Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) to commission the establishment of a  
48 World Food Security Panel that shall continue to monitor increases across major food  
49 prices indices within and thereby act as a reliable early warning system reporting to the  
50 Security Council with regards to the outbreak of food crises;

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52 4) *Reminds* all states to take effective domestic action against illicit exploitation and trade of  
53 natural resources;

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55 5) *Encourages* ECOSOC to review the relationship between promoting sustainable  
56 development, more efficient resource management and preventing conflict in efforts to  
57 balance socio-economic growth with the sustainable use of natural resources and the  
58 conservation of ecosystem services, as outlined in Rio + 20;

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60 6) *Recommends* all member States to implement legally-binding National Action Plans  
61 which would seek to reduce each individual nations carbon emissions and other known  
62 causes of resource scarcity including but not limited to climate change, misallocation of  
63 resources and inefficient trade under consideration of the frameworks from the  
64 UNFCCC's principle of common but differentiated responsibility;

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66 7) *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

