Referencing Article 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which emphasizes the responsibility every Member State owes to the international community, and their responsibility to protect all citizens of the world,

Stresses A/RES/69/135, which emphasizes the reduction in order to fulfill all Member States’ responsibility to protect the lives of global citizens in all nations,

Recognizing the vital importance of strengthening international strategies for disaster reduction and the urgent need for further expansion of preemptive measures for disaster response and preparation as explained in A/RES/68/103,

Cognizant of the immense advantages of technology such as the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) in disaster relief and preparation with open data sharing stressing on alerting systems and telecommunication for efficient and effective relief activities for disaster events,

Reaffirming our strong support for the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and making clear our commitment to building upon these existing programs for combating disasters around the world and to promote a culture of prevention,

Recalling the existence of UN funding structures for disaster prevention and relief including the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and ECOSOC as well as regional monetary bodies and funds responsible for investment in disaster reduction and response such as the African Development Bank and the Community Disaster Risk Reduction Fund,

Deeply concerned with the immense losses of life and resources from natural catastrophes worldwide - estimated at 1.74 million fatalities and $4.2 trillion from 1980-2014, as determined by the Natural Catastrophe Service, in a Loss Events Worldwide report,

The General Assembly Second Committee,

1. Encourages further funding for UN organizations focused on disaster reduction, such as United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Aid (OCHA), in order to:
   a. expand the number of personnel with experience in coordinating disaster relief response within these organizations, noting the indispensable nature of these personnel in saving lives;
   b. increase the number of resources and in turn the relief capabilities for developing countries who strain to recover from disasters;

2. Expresses its readiness to improve the methods of communication and coordination between the UN and Member States affected by disasters, aware that effective distribution of relief and supplies provided by key Member States is essential to an effective disaster response effort, also realizing that all Member States have diverse needs within post disaster relief;

3. Reiterates the improvement of a sufficient set of communication among national governments and NGOs to follow up with useful programs such as the World Economic Forum, Telecoms Sans Frontieres, and the Multicluster Initial Rapid Assessment that supports communication in UN relief missions to identify the recovery process, increase the speed of communication, and act in order to alleviate post disaster costs;
4. **Invites** the expansion of Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) focused on direct relief such as the World Health Organization’s Cluster System and the National Civil Protection Service in order to:

   a. increase the efficiency of post disaster relief teams in terms of speed of response and organization of resources;

   b. focus their efforts on countries that follow a regional guideline and lack a national guideline that most benefits that nation;

   c. encourage the work of IGOs such as Norway’s NORCAP, the Azerbaijan International Development Agency, the Danish International Development Agency, and Canada’s Disaster Assistance Response Team;

5. **Further encourages** the expansion of relief in preparation for the immediate relief during a disaster supported, implemented, and overseen by the UNISDR in order to:

   a. promote constant plans of action based on varying disaster events such as earthquakes, tsunamis, or man made disasters such as the escape of a bioagent in order to enforce the resilience of societies;

   b. promote emergency evacuation plans such as the plans implemented by the Occupational Safety and Health Act;

   c. set up and practice disaster avoidance at a designated time every other month through volunteers from UNISDR or an NGO that works with such;

   d. educate local citizens on the use and maintenance of modernized technology useful to predict disasters or ease disaster relief in underdeveloped regions;

6. **Supports** the discussion of strategies to address the needs of Refugees by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees through the assistance of IGOs and NGOs along with individual Member States emphasizing the need to protect the physical and mental health of IDPs through cooperation with existing health groups such as the World Health Organization along with other international organizations;

7. **Promotes** every state to strengthen their Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) through trainings of CSO leaders through workshops to educate leaders to enact change in their communities and respond to emergency situations.
Recognizing the achievements of the Hyogo Framework for Action, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, Japan 2015 aimed at disaster risk reduction and response, but noting the need for the implementation of a stronger policy framework that encourages sustainable development and addresses the needs of populations living in high risk areas,

Desiring the strengthening of the Sendai Framework in terms of both pre-disaster preparedness and post-disaster response especially in regards to effectively applying international aid and taking into account the need for differing regional responses,

Guided by UN-HABITAT’s City Resilience Profiling Program, focused on providing the national and local governments of Member States with the tools to measure and increase disaster preparedness,

Encouraging Member States to move towards more open lines of communication in the area of disaster reduction,

Acknowledging the lack of primary responders with adequate skills and training at the local level for emergency situations and disasters, and the need for educational programs to further develop those skills,

Noting the pivotal role played by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) on both local and national levels of disaster reduction,

AWARE of the lack of a data base system that allows for the compilation of policies and technologies utilized by Member States,

Guided by the World Bank’s Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance Program (DFRI), by providing Least Developed Countries and Low Income Countries located in disaster-prone regions with technical assistance to design financial resilience measures needed to prevent fiscal insolvency of these nations during the post-disaster recovery phase,

Recalling the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (CIC), which has worked to reduce nonpoint source pollution from non-state owned vessels by placing the liability for oil pollution damage on the owner of the ship,

Calling attention to the successes of the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Facility (CCRF) which has granted Small Island Developing States stricken by natural disasters short-term liquidity required to begin immediate recovery efforts without risking fiscal insolvency,

Welcoming the collaboration between the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Food Programme in the creation of the Weather Risk Management Facility, which works to pioneer research in best practices for weather index-based insurance targeted at poor rural farmers,

Deeply concerned by the impact of natural disasters on human life, the mass displacement of people, and the dire need for critical resources in emergency situations,

Believing in the mandate of the New Development Bank, which states that the bank will mobilize resources to build infrastructure and sustainable development in emerging economies,

Recalling A/RES/69/135 of 2014 and the guiding principles of strengthening coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations,

The General Assembly Second Committee,
1. **Endorses** the establishment of regional committees, through the United Nations Office of Disaster Risk Reduction, composed of Member States, NGOs, the WHO Regional Emergency and Humanitarian Action Teams, and disaster and regional policy experts in order to create frameworks that address both disaster prevention and response;

2. **Suggests** that these regional committees establish:
   a. systems of early warning and disaster prevention through the use of technologies that are affordable to the developing world including but not limited to accelerometers, radar systems, ocean buoys, and seismographic devices;
   b. infrastructural standards, like those of the United Nations Centre for Regional Development’s Housing Earthquake Safety Initiative, for future infrastructure development in high risk areas in order to promote disaster resilience;
   c. disaster response plans based on current technology and best practices implemented by other countries;
   d. additionally recommends that these regional committees release occasional reports detailing disaster preparedness and preparation;
   e. further recommends that Member States work in cooperation with UN-HABITAT’s City Resilience Profiling Program to increase the resilience of cities to the impact of natural and human disasters;

3. **Recommends** that Member States implement educational programs in order to inform its own aid workers and emergency responders of their role in disaster risk management:
   a. the topics covered in these educational programs will including, but are not limited to:
      i. evacuation procedures for natural and humanitarian disaster;
      ii. proper use of first aid systems and disaster tool kits;
      iii. food accessibility during and after disaster;
      iv. detection of dangerous situations such as fallen power lines, broken gas lines, hidden land mines, and other dangerous situations pertaining to natural and humanitarian disaster;
   b. reconstruction processes post-disaster;
   c. in the implementation of these educational programs Member States can consult NGOs, like the International Medical Corps and International Rescue Committee, and request assistance in creating educational programs and disseminating the information in order to foster further cooperation and utilize the expertise of first responders;

4. **Strongly** suggests the continued close cooperation between NGOs and Member States in order to establish comprehensive disaster prevention and relief programs, but further recommends better coordination of those efforts through:
   a. the utilization of UN Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions in order to provide the option to NGOs for the coordination of their efforts in order to prevent duplication and contradiction within those efforts;
   b. promoting the creation of NGO sponsored educational programs that will help to train local officials in the skills necessary for disaster relief and prevention;
c. the use of aid donations efficiently, promptly, and effectively during disaster recovery and ensure that any funding appropriated by them is funneled to legitimate sources including recovery projects and aid programs;

d. increased transparency about Member State and NGO finances, sources of funding and expenditures, through the release of financial statements and audit reports;

5. **Urges** the utilization of the PREVIEW program through UNEP for the collection of relevant information about high risk disaster areas and best practice disaster prevention and relief programs that:

   a. identify and target more specific high-risk areas and danger zones with increased propensity for disasters in order best facilitate communication and action with relevant stakeholders;

   b. establish clear protocols for inter-organizational and inter-state communication in order to better facilitate coordinated disaster response;

   c. encourage each Member State to provide information about its disaster preparedness and emergency response plans for both first responders and reference by other Member States;

6. **Suggests** relevant regional development banks design innovative mechanisms for crop insurance, and social safety nets for rural communities in disaster-prone regions;

7. **Further** invites the International Trade Centre to help compound the progress of DRFI by simultaneously providing technical assistance to Least Developed Countries with the goal of adapting Member State trade policy to mitigate post-disaster recovery period by implementing specific emergency policies such as:

   a. short-term easing of custom procedure for pertinent goods such as medicine, food, etc.;

   b. pre-arrival processing for humanitarian goods;

   c. short-term duty and tax free entry for humanitarian items and reconstruction materials;

8. **Invites** the Sixth Committee to further explore the feasibility of adapting the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (CIC) to target man-made disasters related to industrial-based chemical pollution damage from privately owned enterprises and multinational corporations;

9. **Requesting** further collaboration between high-risk member states and regional development banks towards the creation of region specific disaster relief programs modeled after the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Facility (CCRF);

10. **Suggests** that Member States, with respect to their sovereignty, coordinate their national emergency alert systems with regional neighbors, to allow faster notification of officials those impacted by the disaster in order to better prepare for a regional response, specifically this would provide support to those who lack early warning systems and allow for more coordinated regional efforts;

11. **Supports** the New Development Bank effort to create a monetary aid program in the Global South with the mission of rebuilding infrastructure that is more resilient to future disasters;

12. **Suggests** that all Development Banks including the New Development Bank, The World Bank, and Regional Development Banks collaborate with the United Nations Development Programme to create reporting procedures for Monetary Aid Programmes.
Recognizing A/RES/67/231, which stresses the interconnectedness of the international community as well as the importance of international cooperation when a Member State faces a disaster,

Noting that the use of education can improve disaster prevention and can excel global and regional contributions to areas identified as high risk for potential disasters, as Principle 1 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development states that human beings, “are entitled to a healthy and productive life in harmony with nature,”

Recognizes Member States’ ability to commit resources to preventing or, at the very least, limiting the effect disasters have on economies globally; committing resources now is an economically intelligent decision as per the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction 2013: in regards to flooding, the return on investment from 1 euro ranges from 160 to 400 euros; despite massive investment in reconstruction and efforts to improve competitiveness, it had fallen to 47th place by 2010,

Stressing, in coordination with A/RES/67/201, the necessity of Member States lowering their carbon emissions in order to ameliorate climate change and as a precautionary measure to lessen the frequency of disasters,

Applauding the many successes of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA), particularly the paradigm shift from disaster response to disaster prevention, as well as its reinforcement that Member States must take primary responsibility for implementing their own risk reduction strategies, along with RES/69/209, which reaffirms the commitment to the HFA from 2005 to 2015,

Recognizing the HFA’s shortcomings, however hopeful that its successor, RES/69/283, also known as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk (SFDR) can address these issues with its four priorities: to understand disaster risk, to strengthen disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk, to invest in disaster risk reduction for resilience and to enhance disaster preparedness for effective response and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction,

Deeply concerned that certain actions and practices of the international community have great impact upon natural hazards, both short-term and long-term, which can potentially lead to natural disasters, and the impact that climate change has on the prevalence of natural disasters, in relation to A/RES/67/231,

Recalling A/RES/64/222, A/RES/67/196 and A/RES/68/199, which note the importance of cooperation between developing states in order to facilitate further development, and the atmospheric chemical manipulation precedent set by universities working with UN scientists, including the discover of a causal link between climate change and harmful natural disasters, thereby both cutting back on Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and increasing the utilization of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCS) in the environment,

Further Recalling the efforts made by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its conclusions on disaster risk reduction and climate change action, including mitigation and adaptation, seen as an opportunity for a transformative shift towards more resilient development and economic security, as well as noting the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Changes (IPCC) Special Report on Extreme Events which confirmed climate change as an issue already impacting factor of natural weather-related hazards,

Guided by the discussions of the 2015 UNFCCC, a “top-down, bottom-up” approach should be taken in regards to climate change, considering that a bottom-up approach for disaster risk reduction begins with the treatment and respect of the planet, as well as being mindful of climate change,

Strongly affirming that investment in Disaster Risk Reduction and climate change now is an opportunity to reduce costs in the future and is a pressing economic and humanitarian priority,
Recognizing the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) Conservation Strategy has been built up by regional strategy,

Strongly affirming an international commitment to furthering development in Least Developed Countries (LDC’s), however emphasizing that all development should be undertaken in an environmentally responsible manner,

Recalling that UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) provides that member states should protect climate systems with the differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities,

Recognizing UNFCCC’s 10th plenary meeting in 2014 on the importance of mobilizing funding from a variety of sources, both public and private, including sources of finances,

Noting domestic and regional initiatives such as the Spanish National Civil Emergency Planning Committee (NCEPC) which provides and implements resources in situations of emergency, or Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) which stresses the need for improved water resources management,

The General Assembly Second Committee,

1. Respectfully urges Member States to submit biannual reports to said Member States’ assigned regional DRM (Disaster Risk Management) cooperation mechanism on the implementations of domestic and local initiatives regarding climate change initiatives and public policy:
   a. note that reports should include actions of domestic policies, driving processes, and budget allocations for all the different aspects of disaster risk reduction in aspects pertaining to climate change;
   b. allows established DRMs to act as a regional central body and point of contact for the general committee in relation to member state participation where responsibility, and member nation accountability is collected and reported and supervised;

2. Encourages the creation of a committee responsible for the development of an Environmental and Disaster Awareness Week (EDAW):
   a. invites the United Nations Department of Public Information, further, the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (MALU) to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the working committee for an awareness week;
   b. follow suggestions made by the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030;
   c. this week of awareness may be funded by willing organizations within the private sector or voluntary contributions of Member States, including, but not limited to, supplies, monetary contributions, and educators;
   d. respect the sovereignty of nations as these nations have the choice to participate in the program and distribute materials and supplies to local communities:
      i. work in coordination with the intergovernmental research group developed after the Sendai Framework was agreed upon, acknowledging which locations are deemed at risk for disasters;
      ii. any supplies distributed to receiving countries may be earmarked, defined nations distributing aid where they please, for the locations deemed;
   e. note that the distribution of materials will be done solely through commitments made by Member States requesting to participate;
   f. distribution of materials will be limited when it is found that participating nations are found abusing materials;
3. Recognizing the importance for a formative and comprehensive financial approach to funding this environmental database, we call upon the initiatives of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in coordination with the ground level approach of the educational initiatives established through the multinational corporations (MNCs) that preside within;

4. Initiates the implementation of a bilateral incentives program for both ends of the global and local allocated levels of the three-tiered system approach;

5. Establishes the precedent of the incentive exchange eminence through the use of the World Bank’s previous successes in LDC institutional infrastructure development;

6. Further mitigates the use and dependency on voluntary member states through use of private non-governmental organizations;

7. Urges Member States for strategic planning, frameworks for protection, and sustainable management of natural resources in deserts and in areas affected by desertification, at the same time supporting the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD);

8. Ensuring the continued viability of our shared global environment, there exists a necessity to implement an initiative to decrease global carbon emissions and shift the equilibrium balance of the atmosphere as it is in its current state in order to prevent the continued devastating decline of the planet and its precipitous climate catastrophes. The initiative for this endeavor shall be approached through a multilateral scientific research and development reserve, in direct conjunction with its previously established database initiative:

   a. establishing such a reserve will pool its research internationally with top level institutions in new technologies to ensure the reduction of carbon emissions and ozone depletion, in a direct contrary to the largely pro-alternative energy efforts in present initiatives, and will be overseen by the current staff of impartial UN scientists;
   
   b. encouraging the UN International Panel on Climate Change to take on the initiative to seek out and hire new personnel who would continue the research initiatives held within this scientific reserve and development team;
   
   c. incorporating the backing and support of petroleum-based economically oriented member states and NGOs;

9. Expresses its hope towards meeting the goal of $100 billion a year by 2020 to address the needs of developing countries:

   a. invites member nations and private stakeholders to understand and assess the financial needs of developing countries;
   
   b. further wishes these entities to deliver and appropriate raised funding that will be provided to developing countries, taking into account and prioritizing their urgent and immediate needs and severity under the classifications laid out by the UNFCCC;

10. Suggests that Member States establish limitations on infrastructure in disaster prone areas based on the analysis of collective data on climate change bolstering important structures such as schools and hospitals, which can act as a pivotal point for alerting people, performing assessments and enabling communication;

11. Encourages the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) to continue to work in tandem with the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), focusing efforts on decreasing environmental vulnerability to hazards, naturally occurring, or man-made to:
a. acknowledge the link between climate change and desertification, dry lands, flooding around the
globe;
b. further note the damage done to the environment by man-made factors including but not limited to oil
spills, deforestation, and the negative effects of human waste on environmental components;

12. Advocates that all Member States shift focus from disaster relief to disaster prevention, assessing the problems
which may foster disaster and prescribing preventative measures, as emphasized by the Sendai framework,
additionally encouraging Member States to reaffirm commitments and support of the United Nations
Framework on Climate Change (UNFCC):

a. acknowledge the need to combat climate change and reduce natural disasters both in frequency and in
magnitude;
b. focus on climate change as a long-term strategy for disaster prevention and risk reduction, rather than
only focusing on the aftermath of a disaster which is a short-term strategy;
c. endorse an effort of spreading environmental consciousness in further reversing damage as a result of
climate change;

13. Suggests Member States to incorporate “green economy” which encourages the production and development
environment friendly products related but not limited to the production of renewable energy, water treatment
technologies, waste management, and environmental and atmospheric monitoring instruments that promotes
reducing ecological scarcities and environmental risks which leads to disasters;

14. Suggest Member States to promote and further strengthen existing data sharing platforms like United Nations
Globe Pulse and emphasize to create a coherence in the procedure of information handling and sharing among
the participating countries with reasonable limitations:

a. noting the importance of dialog between the member states recommends they orchestrate an annual
conference on science and technology related to disaster risk reduction and climate change;
b. acknowledges that climate change is a complex issue owing to various diverse factors, which
necessitates an analysis of the issue on many different levels.
Applauding the post-disaster objectives and urging all Member States to continue making this progress through committing themselves to the Sendai Framework and fully supporting Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and specifically its Disaster Risk Reduction in the Post-2015 Development Agenda,

Affirming the inviolability of state sovereignty as stated in Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations with specific emphasis on policies undertaken by the global community when approaching legal framework to reduce fraud, waste, and corruption of a disaster,

Notices the necessity of open channels of information, and the establishment of an internationally accepted database that addresses disaster response,

Recognizing the lack of resources and capacities, such as but not limited to, advanced early detection technologies for earthquake warnings, large scale flood mitigation construction for disaster mitigation, first response, relief, and long term recovery,

Keeping in mind the Guiding Principles for Public-Private Collaboration for Humanitarian Action that has set forth key measures to best facilitate partnerships between relevant government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to comprehensively address humanitarian issues,

Acknowledging the necessity of funding operatives in order to realize the potential of global disaster risk reduction,

Noting with concern the rising urgency of disaster risk reduction due to urbanization and rapid population growth,

Fully believing the scope of natural disasters may affect all Member States and emphasizing the necessity of creating inclusive plans that empower all members of society to combat disasters,

Reaffirming the belief that disaster reduction begins with educating the public (A/RES/69/283), and emphasizes increased investment in preparedness for humanitarian crises through global communication channels (A/RES/2015/14),

Realizing that the spread of disease is accelerated due to a lack of education on the spread of disease, low hygiene standards, and a lack of health care capacity after a natural disaster occurs,

Noting the importance of effective cooperation between Member States in order to facilitate an efficient and immediate response to disasters as stated in the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development,

Supports the universal database focused on climate change for disaster prevention built by Member States for Member States,

Recalling the work of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in post disaster relief, particularly in regards to combating land erosion, land reclamation, and strengthening water infrastructure,

Acknowledging Sendai Framework’s position on Member State infrastructure and their ability to cope with a disaster,

The General Assembly Second Committee,
1. Emphasizes the importance of global cooperation on the issue of disaster risk reduction, and further invites fellow Member States to act in accordance with the Home Abroad Lead Operation (HALO) which was created to combat manmade and natural disasters, as well as assist in relief operations;

2. Fully conscious of state sovereignty, HALO commits to the protection of the rights of individual Member States;

3. Cognizant of the importance of information sharing, and the formation of an overseeing body of the top disaster experts worldwide to provide advice and consultation to countries at risk of disaster:
   a. with regard to the overseeing body lends individualized advice to any State at risk to predict future disasters, and suggest ways to reduce an area’s risk, and do so through the framework of multi-national corporations (MNCs);
   b. while encouraging all participating NGOs and actors to be transparent in conducting activities and to remain transparent at all times;
   c. also recognizing the success of the preexisting UN data-sharing networks in incorporating and analyzing Volunteer and Technical Community (V&TC) as well as disaster-affected community data flows;

4. Establishes the need for technological advancement in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and developing states, in order to prepare and protect themselves for natural disasters, but acknowledging the necessity for educational reforms and structures to be considered:
   d. highlighting the potential improvements of the database network that will be discussed in a later Committee conference;
   e. while emphasizing the priority of funding LDCs;
   f. further recommending Member States to create a combination of disaster mitigation technology and specialized disaster relief in a globalized effort to combat natural disasters from preventative and ongoing standpoints;

5. Encourages a knowledge-exchange workshop system through organized collaboration and increased communication between affected Member States and international NGOs to facilitate specialized training:
   a. of sharing disaster reduction strategies by hosting voluntary guided tours of Member States that have previously demonstrated effective disaster reduction policies;
   b. regional conferences, hosted by consenting Member States in proximity of affected regions to facilitate personal relationships between state officials, regional UN representatives and NGOs;
   c. specific thematic disaster conferences to be rotated biannually between the United Nations offices at Geneva and New York;
   d. services provided for NGOs working locally in the affected regions to have a direct line of communication with the Member States in attendance;

6. Invites any Member States that are willing and economically able to procure funding for the operational costs of the conference and other related costs that may arise:
   a. suggesting that all resources are used efficiently and effectively by having representatives from the contributing Member State to oversee how the resources are used;
b. recommending multilateral cooperation between Member States, local charities and NGOs, to help distribute aid when disasters occur within their state;

c. recognizing the importance for Member States to consider donating aid to organizations such as the World Bank Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery;

d. further encouraging private entities and corporations to donate, at their own discretion;

7. **Emphasizes** the need for civil emergency plans to direct special attention towards activities with the goal of preventing mortality including but not limited to:

a. focusing existing civil emergency plans on counteracting mortality stemming from weather extremes, while acknowledging that climate change is one of the main contributors to the severity of natural disasters;

b. combining civil emergency plans of regional blocs prone to multinational weather extreme disasters in an effort to increase transparency of emergency response procedures and promote international cooperation and collaboration for the purpose of reducing catastrophe fatalities;

8. **Reminds** Member States that all sectors of society should be included in disaster reduction education and legal frameworks through:

a. cherishing gender equality and emphasizing the special needs of children and the elderly in disaster reduction, by encouraging Member States to implement accessible and comprehensive disaster-based educational programs at their own discretion;

b. suggesting that Member States aim to protect property, health, livelihood, and productive assets, as well as cultural and environment assets, while promoting and protecting all human rights, including the right to development during the disaster reduction;

c. the improvement of refugee living conditions, which originate from both manmade and natural disasters, and further calls for the sharing of expertise and initiatives that are provided for natural disasters to also be utilized in other humanitarian crisis;

9. **Further encourages** the international community to expand the culture of disaster preparedness and awareness by implementing educational programs that focus on understanding causes of disaster, preparedness and immediate action, as well as possible reconstruction efforts and coping strategies for communities led by:

a. appropriate UN regional organizations;

b. public/private partnerships;

c. grassroots organizations;

10. **Advises** the increased use of the World Health Organization’s education programs amongst Member States to vastly improve hygiene by:

a. improving awareness about the prevention and spread of infectious diseases through voluntary educational training and health care services to underprivileged people in collaboration with the MOTEC-Life programme;

b. understanding that the spread of disease is mainly attributed to a poor understanding of proper hygiene standards and has disastrous implications in regards to exponential death rates and a hindering in population growth;
11. **Welcomes** the creation of regional congregations of immediate natural disasters reaction while keeping in mind the position of each Member State:

   a. funding for these congregations be provided by the participating Member States of each region;
   
   b. timely dispatch of aid-providing manpower from neighboring countries at the full discretion of the host country in a situation of a natural disaster in encouraged;
   
   c. neighboring states should establish closer ties and joint training to maximize the efficiency of collaboration;

12. **Appeals** for the creation of an international unified database compiled by all states, UN organizations, and NGOs in which climate, geographic, disaster preparation, and relief information is stored from any Member State which can obtain needed data, including:

   a. the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) acting as the primary overseer of the unified database;
   
   b. participating Member States, UN bodies, and NGOs are to consistently updating relevant information in real time at their discretion, preferably in a periodic fashion, in the spirit of the collective betterment of humanity;
   
   c. Member States, who are invited to use this network of information in order to formulate informed natural disaster strategies, man-made disasters, and humanitarian emergencies regarding weather patterns and timely rescue strategies from past disasters;
   
   d. the Secretary General, who is encouraged to hold a conference to establish a standard of data collection and input as well as the method of data evaluation;
   
   e. the use of early warning natural disaster detection technologies, such as the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) is vital to ensure that states are warned about concurrent natural disasters;
   
   f. participating Member States and are welcomed to discuss funding at the aforementioned conference;

13. **Encourages** the collaboration of Food and Agricultural Organization in developing Member States’ infrastructure management to mitigate disasters by:

   a. discover methods to largely increase the overall capacity of water infrastructure to reduce the risk, depth, and duration of future flooding;
   
   b. implement the addition of river-floodplain systems that will sustain river and watershed management ultimately benefiting flood-risk reduction by emphasizing green infrastructure and agricultural techniques;

14. **Emphasizes** the importance that all Member States continue to develop national and regional platforms to communicate with the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Secretariat and continues to encourage stronger regional cooperation to avoid conflicting humanitarian aid strategies after the occurrence of transnational natural disasters.
Recognizing the importance of economic and social stability especially as it pertains to countries crippled by humanitarian disasters as recognized in A/RES/69/243 and A/RES/46/182,

Reaffirming the commitment that was set by the United Nations Post-2015 Millennium Goals, which was accepted as targets by the World Bank, of promoting sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth that will have a side effect of increasing the resilience of communities to all disasters,

Recalling Article 2 of the Second Committee’s resolution entitled “International Year of Microcredit”, which highlights the correlation between distribution of small loans and improved socio-economic conditions in LICs (A/RES/53/197) which then improves communities’ resilience in response to disasters,

Affirming the role that international organizations play in the creation and development of small loan related services, as stipulated in A/RES/68/279

Acknowledging that disasters of all kinds can play both direct and indirect roles in the destabilization of a country’s economic capabilities and social structures,

Reemphasizing the importance of state sovereignty during humanitarian crises as referenced in Article 2 of the UN Charter,

Recognizing the inadequate infrastructure present in LDC’s required to establish a path towards sustainable natural disaster relief and the substantial improvements that can be made to infrastructure as recognized in A/RES/60/195,

Deeply concerned with the wellbeing of persons displaced by natural disasters living in slum-like conditions, and persons affected by the ongoing problem of urbanization and the subsequent economic ramifications faced by Member States in which these persons reside (A/RES/68/239),

Understanding the necessity of “all of society inclusive” approaches to disaster risk reduction that encourages underutilized actors, such as women, children, minority groups, and impoverished communities to take a more significant role,

Deeply concerned with how long it takes for funds to reach Member States stricken by disasters,

The General Assembly Second Committee,

1. Supports NGOs, Member States, and other government organizations who commit resources to assist LDCs who request guidance and counsel to find ways to prevent humanitarian disasters and create more resilient, stable societies for recovery from existing and future disaster, and applauds LDCs who have received and requested guidance and counsel through the:
   a. emphasis on the reduction of the risk of escalating tensions potentially leading to armed conflict;
   b. implementation and creation of plans that limit the impact urbanization, the regulation of pollution, and other population growth issues has on Member States’ societies;
   c. creation of early warning systems for humanitarian disasters;

2. Invites Member States to incorporate actors that are disproportionately affected by humanitarian and natural disasters, such as minority groups, children, and impoverished communities in the planning of disaster reduction by methods that:
a. encourage increasing disaster awareness via the education of minority groups, children, and impoverished communities through multilateral cooperation with other Member States and NGOs to create comprehensive strategies for the implementation of education regarding disaster risk reduction;

b. invites the pursuit of guidelines established by the ISDR’s Policy and Practical Guidelines for Making Disaster Risk Reduction Gender-Sensitive, and refining these guidelines to adapt them to each underutilized actor individually;

3. Invites all Member States to pursue multilateral trade agreements with relevant Member States, requesting the aid of the WTO as necessary, as a means of reducing the risk of conflicts leading to humanitarian disasters, as these trade agreements will foster positive relationships amongst all involved giving them a common economic interest in preserving the peace, while reiterating the importance of state sovereignty;

4. Invites NGOs and Member States to provide additional and more effective programs to assist persons displaced by natural disasters and persons affected by growing urbanization by the:

a. provision of resources and raw materials necessary for improving infrastructure;

b. creation of training programs for the purpose of giving displaced persons the knowledge and tools necessary to rebuild and further develop their communities, thus alleviating financial burdens on Member States and improving the resilience of these communities for future disasters;

c. designation of experts to assist with logistics for the management of problems created in highly-urbanized areas and the rehabilitation of areas impacted by natural disasters;

5. Further requests the UNDESA to cooperate with Member States through UN Technical Cooperation to implement LDC infrastructure planning, similar to the UNDESA’s regional infrastructure planning;

6. Encourages NGOs and local banking agencies to provide loans and small loans to citizens in states disproportionately affected by disasters to stimulate local businesses that provide disaster relief in the region, and moreover guarantee their dedication to countries suffering or recovering from disasters post immediate crisis as increasing the number and economic success of these small businesses will not only provide employment opportunities but will also add resources to address disasters, bearing in mind the following considerations:

a. additional business and increased employment opportunities will create stronger economies;

b. the involvement of the UN Capital Development Fund through loans will only be provided to countries that ask for assistance, to respect the sovereignty of all Member States;

7. Encourages any financial institution to give new loans and funding to be directed to the following industries: food industry, information and technology industry, construction industry, and the medical sector for the following reasons:

a. food industry: to improve and increase efficiency in the existing network to provide the production, distribution and stockpiling of required nourishment for the victims in the event of a disaster:

i. businesses in the food industry, such as distribution companies and restaurants, can help reduce the risks of disasters as they provide food security;

ii. food security is essential for the reduction of the consequences and the affects, both short and long term, for the general population as it prevents the disaster from becoming far worse than their immediate effects;
b. information and technology sector: provides the intelligence and the communication networks required
during the preparation, duration, and aftermath of a disaster. Current regions that lack those industries
have significant difficulty in gathering the intelligence necessary to prepare and address disasters and
the necessary communication networks, such as technology that permits the search and rescue of
survivors under debris in the event of an earthquake;

c. construction industry: builds structures and infrastructure required for the preparation, duration, and
aftermath of a disaster along with aiding in the removal of debris. Structures and other preventive
constructions, need to withstand the physical strains of disasters;

d. health sector: provides the medical supplies and personnel required to treat individuals and victims
during the preparation, duration, and aftermath of disasters. The well-developed medical sector is
essential for providing necessary treatment in times of crisis, as it will need to cope with the urgency of
a disaster;

8. Suggests in cases where capital markets are unavailable, the World Bank groups could aid Member States at
their request in fostering the development of banks already present within states to further develop capital
markets in regions that currently lack capital access within LDCs in order to promote key industries including
the industries recommended above;

9. Encourages the use of preexisting regional trading blocks to deploy emergency response teams in the event of
natural disasters by providing training methods specific to the disaster, similar to that of the Swedish Civil
Contingency Agency (SCCA);

10. Invites the collaboration of the SCCA and similar organizations to assist in the development of preexisting
regional trading blocks by providing additional resources such as sandbags and water pumps to areas currently
experiencing or affected by natural disasters;

11. Expresses its hope for Member States to receive immediate relief funding through the Central Emergency
Response Fund to ensure relief is provided as soon as possible.