

**Jr. Ohio Model United Nations**

Resolution #

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Nation: Bulgaria  
School: Perkins Middle School

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**SUBJECT: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF FLOODING**

WHEREAS, two million of our fellow Bulgarians in as many as nine regions have been affected by the heavy annual rains in northern Bulgaria causing a “State of Emergency” that required the mobilization of aid from a number of agencies including the Red Cross, the World Health Organization, and the United Nations to meet the needs of tens of thousands of Bulgarian men, women, and children, and

WHEREAS, the flooding has affected 25% of the total Bulgarian population causing the loss of 20 lives, the damage or complete destruction of thousands of homes requiring the emergency evacuation of over 12,000 people, and over \$633 million of damage, and

WHEREAS, the flooding destroyed the infrastructure in many regions of northern Bulgaria, including the destruction of roads, bridges, electrical service, communication, and prevented transportation via land routes to provide aid to many villages who needed it the most, and

WHEREAS, the continued rains and flooding in August necessitated the mobilization of UN aid twice within a three week time frame, and

WHEREAS, the aftermath of these floods continues to cause harm to the Bulgarian men, women, and children through disease and infection, and

WHEREAS, the social and economic devastation that these floods have caused to the Republic of Bulgaria has impeded its progress toward developing a stronger economy, and impeded the progress toward completion of infrastructure projects, including energy initiatives, that are necessary in order to meet the 2007 target of joining the European Union and becoming a strong member nation within the United Nations and within the world economy,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the United Nations form a committee whose purpose is to study large geographic flood zones to determine patterns and to recommend solutions that will contain, manage, and minimize the impact of future flooding that will occur as a result of annual rains and to establish an organization that will mobilize international resources to take action on the committee’s recommendations not only for Bulgaria, but for other member nations who may be in need of these resources where the impact is potentially socially and economically devastating to entire regions and neighboring countries.

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