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Model United Nations Assembly
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Model United Nations Resolution CASS 201

Topic: Exploitation of natural resources in third world countries

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The General Assembly,

Understanding that:

Developing nations are the focus of much debate over the issue of exploitation, particularly in the context of the global economy. Third world countries, and their incapability to resist to power of other first world countries and their attempts to exploit of their resources are falling under both financial and political pressure. This in turn causing many of the developing nations to not only force themselves into selling their resources but to lose the entire resource itself as the retracting is being completed in a non-sustainable fashion.

Worried that:

First world nations actively, but not necessarily consciously, perpetuate a state of dependency through various policies and initiatives resulting in any attempt by the dependent nations to resist the influences of dependency to result in economic sanctions and/or military invasion and control.

Recognizing that:

Exploitation of natural resources is an essential condition of the human existence; however, this exploitation in third world countries by wealthier ones has been done in a non-sustainable manor causing increasing concern, as non-sustainable exploitation of natural resources ultimately threatens human existence.

Dismayed that:

The recompense paid by wealthier countries to the developing countries including Africa, Latin America and Asia has never taken into account the social and environmental damage caused by this exploitation. In effect, the impoverished countries have subsidized and are continuing to subsidize the wealthier countries through the provision of natural resources such as raw materials. Furthermore, developing countries provide natural resources and related markets to the wealthier nations, without which the latter could not have the standard of living they enjoy.

Hopeful that:

The continual need and constant fight for sustainable development in all parts of the world will never be forgotten or overlooked by

the United Nations General assembly as solutions are developed to re-evaluate the exploitation of natural resources of third world countries by wealthier ones and their unfair gain.

Calling for:

1. The United Nations General Assembly to mandate promotion of domestic industry. By subsidizing and protecting industries within the surrounding nation, these third-world countries can produce their own products rather than simply export raw materials.
2. The United Nations General Assembly to import limitations. By limiting the importation of both luxury goods and manufactured goods that can be produced within the country, supposedly, the country can avoid having its capital and resources siphoned off.
3. The United Nations Assembly to discourage governments from foreign investment. Some governments took steps to keep foreign companies and individuals from owning or operating property that draws on the resources of their countries.
4. The United Nations Assembly to impose nationalization. Some governments have gone so far as to forcibly take over foreign-owned companies on behalf of the state, in order to keep profits within the country.