

Colorado Model UN Project

Global Agenda Issues

World Hunger and Poverty

Half the world — nearly three billion people — live on less than two dollars a day. Nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names. One billion children live in poverty (1 in 2 children in the world). 640 million live without adequate shelter, 400 million have no access to safe water, 270 million have no access to health services. 10.6 million died in 2003 before they reached the age of 5.

What role should the United Nations and other International Organizations play to alleviate world poverty and hunger? What is your nation's view on the issue? How can your nation play a role in the solution to this problem? What new solutions does your nation offer to help create a long term solution to this growing problem?

Climate Change and Global Warming

The world's climate is changing. The earth is warming up, and there is now overwhelming scientific consensus that it is happening, and human-induced. With global warming on the increase and species and their habitats on the decrease, chances for ecosystems to adapt naturally are diminishing. Recent years show increasing temperatures in various regions, and/or increasing extremities in weather patterns.

What role should the United Nations and other environmental organizations/groups play in addressing this concern? What is your nation's view on this issue? How can your nation play a role in the eventual solution to this problem? What new solutions, recommendations or comments does your nation wish to issue regarding this problem? Does your nation perceive climate change and global warming to be a real threat to the world's people?

Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Assistance

Natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, and floods can often come at the least expected time. Others, such as hurricanes and cyclones are increasing in severity and destruction. Typically, the poor are the worst hit for they have the least resources to cope and rebuild.

Should the United Nations play a role in disasters that hit member nations? If so, what role should the UN play? How should nations aid their citizens during these disasters? Does your nation have a plan to deal with disasters of this magnitude? What types of plans should nations have in place for future disasters? What solutions or action plans, if any, does your nation wish to present to the world?

Terrorism

Terrorism constitutes a threat to international peace and security, and it is contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)'s Global Programme Against Terrorism is an integral part of the United Nations' collective action against terrorism. The Programme, working closely with the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the Security Council, provides technical assistance to Member States and promotes international cooperation against terrorism.

How does your nation view terrorism? What role does your nation feel the United Nations should play in the war on terrorism? What contributions can your nation add to the fight against terrorism? How can the world become a safer place in this age of terrorism? How can a united effort by nations of the world help put an eventual end to terrorism? Is it possible to end terrorism, if not, how can the world prepare to fight this battle?