

Rotary Model UN 2012

Resolution #3 Protecting the Global Climate for Present and Future Generations

The General Assembly,

Recalling previous resolutions, especially 64/73 of December 7, 2010, and 65/159 of December 21, 2010, relating to the protection of the global climate for present and future generations,

Recalling also the principles and provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Kyoto Protocol,

Noting with appreciation the Government of South Africa's hosting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in Durban from 28 November to 9 December 2011,

Recognizing that climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet,

Noting with grave concern the failure of nations to meet their commitments relative to the Kyoto Protocols,

Deeply regretting the decision of the Government of Canada to withdraw from its Kyoto commitments,

Recognizing that fulfilling the ultimate objective of the Convention requires the strengthening of the multi-lateral, rules-based regime under the Convention,

1. *Calls upon* the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-Term Cooperative Action Group under the Convention to launch a process to develop a new protocol, or instrument with legal force under the Framework Convention applicable to all parties no later than 2015,
2. *Calls upon* the developed world to forego short-cited economic interests, recognize fully their historical responsibility for the current global climate crisis and act accordingly,
3. *Further calls upon* the developed world not to place the burden of meeting their reduction commitments, whether signatories or not to Kyoto, by reducing their commitments to the developing world in general, and least developed nations in particular,
4. *Also calls upon* the Second Committee to undertake discussions on what steps this Assembly might take in response to the failure of member states to undertake meaningful green gas emission reductions.
5. *Decides* to remain actively seized of this matter.