

Committee: Ad Hoc Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian

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Subjects: Australian Wildfire

- 1) *Reminding* everyone that Australia is being ravaged by the worst wildfires seen in decades, with large parts of the country devastated since the fire season began in late July,
- 2) *Reaffirming* a total of 27 people have died nationwide, and in the state of New South Wales alone, more than 2,000 homes have been destroyed or damaged,
- 3) *Bearing in mind* that more than 17.9 million acres have been burned across Australia's six states — an area larger than the countries of Belgium and Denmark combined,
- 4) *Drawing attention* to the estimation that about half a billion animals have been affected by the fires across NSW making Australia have the highest rate of species lost in any area in the world,
- 5) *Reaffirming* that climate impacts the fires, and the fires can potentially impact climate as the fires have pumped hundreds of millions of tons of carbon dioxide into Earth's atmosphere thus far,
- 6) *Noting* with satisfaction that state and federal authorities have been working to combat the fire crisis for months and additional firefighters from the U.S., Canada, and New Zealand have been sent to help,
- 7) *Calls* upon the General Assembly to enact the following:
 - a) Encourage citizens to make donations to several organizations working toward victim relief and recovery,
 - b) Permitting individuals who are willing to aid humans in need, the right to do so,
 - c) Supplying those who are in dire need of help, emergency supplies, such as food, water, shelter, and the like,
 - d) Send as many additional volunteer firefighters from different countries as feasible,
 - e) Call for inquiry into the government's limited response to the fires,
 - f) Compelling officials from around the globe to take adequate action about climate change,
 - g) Promoting a greener environment with the use of single-use plastic drastically decreased and/or banned.