

### **Section of International Law (Annual Meeting 1973)**

WHEREAS, Many environmental problems are worldwide in character, transcend political differences, and can only be effectively dealt with internationally; and

WHEREAS, President Nixon proposed in his 1972 Environment Message that a United Nations Environment Fund, financed by voluntary national contributions, be established to help support international programs to improve the global environment; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations Conference on the Human Environment endorsed such proposal and the United Nations' General Assembly established the fund and provided for an Environment Secretariat to coordinate all United Nations Environment Programs and to administer the fund; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations seeks to procure \$100 million in voluntary contributions over the first five years of the fund and thirty nations have already volunteered to contribute over \$55 million; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress now has before it legislation authorizing funds needed to fulfill the pledge made by the United States Government to the United Nations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association supports H.R.6768, or similar legislation, authorizing \$40 million over 5 years pledged to the United Nations Environment Fund by the United States Government;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President of the American Bar Association, or his designee, be authorized to communicate the views of the Association on this subject to appropriate Committees of the Congress and any department of the Government.