

Adopted as amended by voice vote

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges the United States government to take a
2 leadership role in addressing the issue of climate change through legal, policy, financial, and
3 educational mechanisms.
- 4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges Congress to enact and the
5 President to sign legislation that would:
- 6 1. Cap and reduce United States greenhouse gas emissions to help prevent the rise of
7 worldwide atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations to dangerous levels;
- 8 2. Utilize market mechanisms designed to minimize compliance costs, such as cap and
9 trade, carbon taxation, or emissions trading;
- 10 3. Recognize and incorporate sustainable development principles;
- 11 4. Increase fuel economy and energy efficiency standards, promote greater use of renewable
12 energy, promote fuel diversity through the use of carbon neutral or low carbon technologies, and
13 encourage development and deployment of other technologies that reduce, eliminate, or
14 sequester emissions of greenhouse gases and minimize costs of controls or mitigation measures;
- 15 5. Provide for broad coverage of various sectors of the economy responsible for greenhouse
16 gas emissions;
- 17 6. Enable the United States to adapt to existing and projected climate changes in a way that
18 minimizes individual hardship, damage to its natural resources, and economic cost;
- 19 7. Coordinate and integrate state and local actions into a federal program, ~~including state~~
20 ~~and local actions that are more stringent than federal requirements;~~ and
- 21 8. Require the United States government to encourage all other countries to take steps to
22 limit their greenhouse gas emissions so that world levels of emissions will be reduced to prevent
23 dangerous anthropogenic climate change.
- 24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges the United States
25 government to engage in active international discussions and to negotiate and ratify treaties or
26 other agreements to address and reduce climate change.

(Deletions struck through; Additions underlined)