



UN Resolution: Towards a More Accurate World Map

India voted in favour of a **UN General Assembly resolution** seeking more accurate representation of global landmasses on maps. It highlighted the limitations of the **Mercator projection**, created in the 16th century primarily for navigation, which significantly enlarges areas away from the equator.

The resolution noted that such distortion can understate the perceived size of **Africa, Latin America and South Asia**, reinforcing an imbalanced geographical perception. It promotes greater awareness of alternative map projections for educational, digital and official use.

APSC Relevance: Cartography, Mercator Projection