



THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Right to Education

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

SUBMITTED BY: Rwanda, Morocco, Cuba, Costa Rica, Russian Federation,
Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Korea

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- 1 *Reaffirming* the commitments made at the Dakar Forum eliminating the gender disparities by 2005, and
2 the establishment of Universal Primary Education for All by 2015,
- 3 *Having studied* the research conducted by the World Bank, United Nations International Children's
4 Emergency Fund (UNICEF), and United Nations Social and Cultural Organization (UNESCO),
- 5 *Recognizing* the obstacles faced by countries in achieving the Education for All Initiative (EFA) such as
6 poverty, hunger, violent conflicts, migration, as well as economic and technological disparities,
- 7 *Considering* cultural and ethnic aspects of each nation and the varying needs and goals of developed and
8 developing countries,
- 9 *Having received* requests from numerous countries seeking support,
- 10 *Congratulating* all nations that integrate education into their national consciousness especially bearing in
11 mind the wide variety of characteristics existing in the international community and respecting their
12 sovereignty,
- 13 *Convinced* that education is the fourth pillar of humanitarian response as understood by UNESCO, along
14 with those of food, shelter, and health,
- 15 *Affirming* that education is a basic human right as expressed in Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of
16 Human Rights,
- 17 1. *Reaffirms* the need as stated by UNESCO, for the allocation of funds equaling 15 billion dollars
18 (US) towards achieving the Education For All Initiative;
- 19 2. *Requests* that positive relations and open communications be established with all bilateral agencies
20 that manifest their commitments to actively support the various programs and projects aimed at
21 advancing towards the objectives of the EFA;

- 22 3. *Seeks* to enlarge the field of cooperation at the international level involving in the follow up to the
23 forum not only UNESCO's four official partners in the EFA initiative but also other multilateral
24 organizations without whose support the organization will not be able to achieve the goals set at
25 the Dakar Forum for Action;
- 26 4. *Strongly supports* the creation of a body to work in tandem with state governments to build a
27 foundation for cooperation between development and donor agencies and countries convened by
28 the Director General of UNESCO;
- 29 5. *Establishes* that this group will consist of fifty educators and administrators: ten of these
30 individuals will be representatives of developed, industrialized countries which will be chosen on
31 a rotating geographical basis; ten other positions will be held by newly industrialized countries;
32 twenty-five will be from the developing world; and the last five will be reserved for NGO's;
- 33 6. *Emphasizes* the goal of this body will be to allocate these funds paying particular attention to
34 cultural, linguistic and demographical aspects of each country;
- 35 7. *Endorses* that in taking strides toward achieving the commitments set at the Dakar Forum for
36 Action, countries in need of debt relief can apply and will recommended to the World Bank based
37 on their obvious commitment to better themselves in investing in human capital;
- 38 8. *Also Emphasizes* that this body will act in collaboration with developing nations to ensure that
39 they are closely involved in their own development process resulting in their eventual self reliance;
- 40 9. *Calls upon* all nations to pursue their respective goals with the same motivation and that all
41 member states be aware of the human and practical dimensions of such a triumph in the arena of
42 human, civil and cultural rights.

Final Vote: Passed by Consensus

Abstentions: China, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic