



THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Right to Education
SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council
SUBMITTED BY: Indonesia, Syria, Benin, China, Nepal, Cuba

The Economic and Social Council

1 *Recognizing* the right to education, as stated in Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
2 is a basic and fundamental human right regardless of age, race, socioeconomic class, or gender,

3 *Recalling* resolutions 46/93 from 16 December 1991 concerning International Literacy Year,
4 A/C.3/52/L.II/Rev.1 29 October 1997, The Girl Child, and The World Declaration of Education for All,

5 *Deeply concerned* about the persistent disparities in education,

6 *Noting with deep concern* the denial of education to children due to their recruitment, training, and use
7 within and across national borders in armed conflict and the lack of an international body to coordinate
8 efforts in providing educational opportunities to these children,

9 *Respecting* the different national, cultural, religious, and social values present within various member
10 states,

11 *Noting with regret* that problems such as poverty, hunger, violent conflicts, migration, and economic and
12 technological disparities have in the past hindered the ability of nations to educate their citizens,

13 *Fully believing* that the education of children is essential for achieving the goals of eradicating poverty,
14 achieving all aspects of equality, and ensuring sustainable development and peace,

15 1. *Applauds* member states in their efforts to provide equal educational opportunities for all persons;
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17 2. *Calls for* universal human responsibility and international solidarity in meeting basic learning
18 needs of children, as determined by each individual nation;

19 3. *Advocates* regional cooperation in aiding member states in solving their specific educational
20 concerns within their respective parameters;

21 4. *Respects* the need to maintain cultural and national sovereignty of member states while resolving
22 their educational concerns;

- 23 5. *Supports* the call for the immediate demobilization of children being recruited or used in hostile
24 situations and looks for a permanent end to the use of child soldiers in any armed conflicts, for the
25 purpose of providing education to all children;
- 26 6. *Requests* the creation of a committee under the Economic and Social Council that specifically
27 addresses the educational aspects of demobilization, particularly:
- 28 a. Promoting the education of those children not yet engaged in war,
- 29 b. Providing educational opportunities to those persons that are attempting to be re-integrated
30 into society,
- 31 c. Advocating the need for placing children in the educational system at an early age in order
32 to deter their premature deployment into armed forces;
- 33 7. *Endorses* the goal of development and expansion of quality educational opportunities within each
34 member state for both male and female children utilizing the support of inter-governmental
35 organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), particularly United Nations
36 Social and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and United Nations International Children's
37 Emergency Fund (UNICEF), without regard to gender, age, race, or class.

Final Vote: Passed by Consensus

Abstentions: Argentina, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Ethiopia, Germany, Peru, Republic of
Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela