



THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Right to Education

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

SUBMITTED BY: France, Japan, Brazil, Netherlands, Iran, Denmark, Croatia, Russian Federation, Germany, Italy, Republic of Korea, Venezuela, Argentina, United States

The Economic and Social Council

- 1 *Emphasizing* the spirit of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in
2 their articulation of both sovereignty and its compatibility with the safeguarding of human rights,
- 3 *Affirming* the rights of education for all as stated in Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human
4 Rights, and the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education 1995-2004, inclusive of the
5 Education for All Initiative,
- 6 *Recognizing* that the states' role in education can be hindered by internal and external conflicts, such as
7 poverty, intrastate and interstate crises, and other similar factors,
- 8 *Strongly reaffirming* previous efforts promoting universal education without regard to gender, ethnicity,
9 age, and religion, such as the Convention of the Rights of the Child, the Fourth World Conference on
10 Women, and other conventions,
- 11 *Aware of* the lack of resources, technological and economic disparities among member states that inhibit
12 educational development,
- 13 *Noting with deep concern* the reality of inadequate education and the inconsistent efforts to execute the
14 universal rights to education,
- 15 1. *Expresses its hopes* that international financial institutions reconsider their current policies on
16 economic aid, in all its form, as it relates to the redistribution of funds to educational programs;
- 17 2. *Urges* member states to create and implement school guidelines and standards for each of their
18 respective education systems;
- 19 3. *Endorses* the promotion of equality of basic education availability, regardless of gender, ethnicity,
20 religion or age, inclusive of cultural traditions;
- 21 4. *Further suggests* that the four other agencies responsible for the Education for All Initiative

22 (United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization, United Nations Development
23 Programme, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Children’s Fund) provide assistance
24 to debtor nations;

25 5. *Calls upon* the development of an initiative to provide the economic opportunities for recruitment,
26 training and development for teachers, which includes integration of all peoples;

27 6. *Affirms* the need for adult education for all and noting the necessity for adult education programs,
28 the promotion of higher education and life-long learning programs;

29 7. *Encourages* all nations to update their respective curricula to current scientific, geographic,
30 technological advancements within a 10-year time frame and continue this practice every 10 years
31 according to standards set by each nation;

32 8. *Further invites* member states with up-to-date surplus of educational resources and technologies to
33 appropriate excess resources to lesser developed states with a lack of educational resources and
34 technology.

Final Vote: Passed by Consensus

Abstentions: None