

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: High-Level Segment: The Role of the United Nations System in Supporting the Efforts of African Countries to Achieve Sustainable Development

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

SUBMITTED BY: Suriname, India, Australia, Sudan, and Malta

# THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

*Seeing* the need for nontraditional methods and partnerships in African communities in order to promote sustainable development on the African continent,

*Bearing in mind* the dependence of all peoples on agricultural resources,

*Viewing with appreciation* the efforts of grass-roots movements in land- and water- care management to empower, educate, and motivate local communities,

*Applauds* the success of grassroots development programs, especially in South Africa, Kenya, and Tanzania,

*Fully aware* of the self-empowering impact of micro-financing in impoverished communities when the necessary tools are provided and practices are encouraged to trade goods,

*Emphasizing* that community-based development programs are more cost effective than top-to-bottom development initiatives already in place,

*Fully aware* of the individual needs and obstacles to development in each African nation,

*Realizing* the need for culturally appropriate programs and support in order to not infringe upon the sovereignty of individual African nations.

1. *Urging* member nations and non-governmental organizations which support the development of Africa to initiate and strengthen their support at subregional levels in the form of grassroots community development programs and to encourage all African states to further initiate these programs;

2. *Calls upon* member states, NGOs, and international organizations to support grass-roots

- 20 movements to promote land care management and conservation of natural resources  
21 through education to ensure that the needs of future generations are met;
- 22 3. *Proclaims* that all member states, NGOs, and civil society organizations should support  
23 grass-root organizations that aim to eradicate poverty and promote sustainable  
24 development through improvements in aspects such as water management, energy,  
25 health, agriculture, and biodiversity as discussed in the Johannesburg summit;
- 26 4. *Suggests* that this increased support take the form of training and education programs as  
27 well as small grants and loans to groups already in place within communities in African  
28 nations in order to promote the implementation of these programs by not only members  
29 of the communities in which they are working also involve civil societies;
- 30 5. *Respects* the need for African countries to manage their own resources to achieve  
31 sustainable development;
- 32 6. *Respects* the sovereignty of the recipient states and indigenous peoples to accept or  
33 decline funding, education, and other programs.

Final Vote: 25 in favor / 1 opposed / 19 abstentions