

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Social and Human Rights Questions: Social Development

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

SUBMITTED BY: India, South Africa, Uganda, Costa Rica, Argentina

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1 *Deeply concerned* with the rapid global spread of HIV/AIDS and its detrimental impact on
2 developmental progress and noting currently effective prevention methods,

3 *Recalling* Security Council Resolution 1308 (2000), recognizing HIV/AIDS as a threat to global
4 security,

5 *Reaffirming* the conclusion of UNAIDS and UNIFEM (United Nations Development Fund for
6 Women) that the HIV/AIDS epidemic is a gender issue and women are more vulnerable to
7 infection due to the lack of socio-economic equality and biological differences between the two
8 sexes,

9 *Noting with approval* efforts against HIV/AIDS, such as the Government AIDS Action Plan,
10 Partnership Against AIDS, Treatment Action Campaign, and the national efforts of Argentina
11 and Uganda in the fight against AIDS,

12 *Welcoming* the efforts taken by the Economic and Social Council to address the concern of
13 AIDS,

14 1. *Advocates* global partnership in fighting AIDS in all areas of the world, keeping in mind
15 the special needs of regions with particularly high infection rates;

16 2. *Encouraging* the initiatives taken by non-governmental organizations, through UNAIDS
17 and other organizations to provide medical supplies and equipment to low income
18 countries;

19 3. *Recommends* the establishment of a scholarship program for students in developing
20 countries seeking to enter into the field of medicine, particularly in HIV/AIDS research
21 through partnerships with private organizations;

22 4. *Calls for* increased partnerships among pharmaceutical companies in developing and

- 23 developed states in research and development of drugs in order to make treatments more
24 specific to region-specific strains of the disease;
- 25 5. *Supports* increased efforts among developing nations to achieve domestic production of
26 pharmaceuticals and other materials to use in their fight against HIV/AIDS,
- 27 a. Further recommends the facilitation of the distribution of pharmaceutical products
28 from emerging states who LDCs (least developed countries),
- 29 6. *Urges* further cooperation among developing nations in the sharing of best practices,
30 technology, information, and other resources to combat HIV/AIDS;
- 31 7. *Encourages* increased coordination of programs between UNAIDS and UNIFEM on
32 gender sensitive and culturally appropriate AIDS prevention education programs;
- 33 8. *Urges* all member states to increase the intensity of attention given to AIDS issues in
34 their own countries and within ECOSOC;
- 35 9. *Emphatically calls for* member states to acknowledge the need to prioritize the problem
36 of AIDS, and place it on their respective centralized agendas by January 2004;
- 37 10. *Endorses* the decision made by the administrative committee on coordination in 1993,
38 stating that the UN who will not sponsor any event that bars anyone infected with
39 HIV/AIDS virus from attending due to infection of person(s) or fear of infection from
40 person(s).

Final Vote: Adopted by Consensus