

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

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

SUBMITTED BY: Brazil

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1 *Reaffirming* the importance of developing and strengthening primary health care systems that
2 meet basic health needs as expressed in Resolution 55/344,

3 *Emphasizing* the importance of protecting the health of groups such as infants, women, rural
4 communities, and indigenous people who often face poor health,

5 *Recognizing* the need to provide medicines at affordable prices for developing countries,

6 *Proclaiming* that achieving health is dependent on safe food and water supply and proper
7 nutrition,

8 *Realizing* the importance of integrating traditional knowledge and experience into national health
9 systems, when appropriate,

10 1. *Recommending* international cooperation in the efforts of governments toward capacity
11 building for social development in accordance with the obligations noted in Resolution
12 166/9, intensifying international assistance for health programs based on respect for
13 human dignity and focusing on the protection of all women and children;

14 2. *Endorsing* efforts to make essential medications more affordable and accessible to
15 citizens of developing nations, as encouraged in the Millennium Declaration;

16 3. *Calling for* the formulation and strengthening of policies that promote access to health
17 care for rural communities and indigenous people;

18 4. *Further requests* research and development of medical technologies to include the
19 traditional medical practices of indigenous peoples, when appropriate;

20 5. *Welcoming* continual environmental health research geared toward the access of sanitary
21 food and water by the involvement of citizens, the health sector, other NGO's, and donor

- 22 countries focusing on the generation of solutions for environmental health concerns;
- 23 a. Expresses its hope that the expertise of indigenous cultures both remain a part of
24 such cultures and the global community;
- 25 6. *Encourages* existing programs such as Doctors without Borders in implementing medical
26 care in less developed areas;
- 27 7. *Respectfully recommends* the increase of funding for meeting the goals of basic health
28 through NGO's, IGO's, the private sector, and donor countries;
- 29 a. Encourages the private sector to share information in the interest of accelerating
30 medical research and development, while keeping in mind the fact that each
31 country has the right to national sovereignty.

Final Vote: 20 in favor / 1 opposed / 9 abstentions