

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Operational Activities of the United Nations for International Development Cooperation: Economic and Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

SUBMITTED BY: China, Bahrain, Bhutan, Fiji, Sweden, Chile, Argentina

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1 *Reaffirming* the conclusions reached in the Buenos Aires Conference, (A/Res/33/34), including
2 the conclusion that Economic and Technical Cooperation Programs (ECDC/TCDC) between
3 developing nations should be intensified,

4 *Fully aware* that 'South-South' cooperation (ECDC/TCDC programs) requires 'more than verbal
5 support,' and is not meant to replace but to complement 'North-South' cooperation (DEV/2212,
6 June 1999),

7 *Bearing in mind* that 'South-South' cooperation will benefit the international community by
8 increasing the global standard of living, as determined by the Human Development Index (HDI),

9 *Believing* that developed nations have a duty to support 'South-South' cooperation, just as
10 developing nations have a duty to work for self-dependence,

11 *Realizing* that debt alleviation and economic aid by developed nations has not produced
12 consistently positive results,

13 1. *Supports* the focus on the development of infrastructure of developing countries for
14 further accessibility of resources and better management of those resources; e.g. building
15 of roads/ports and establishment of cottage industries, water resources, etc.;

16 2. *Urges* developing countries to share information and best practices that can be widely
17 applied in other devolving countries;

18 3. *Calls upon* WHO, UNDP, and NGOs for increased focus on health issues in rural areas,
19 as well as the establishment of a basic health infrastructure so as to improve the level of
20 social development in these areas; e.g. building of health posts, first aid centers, and
21 hospital complexes, health awareness programs;

- 22 4. *Strongly reaffirms* the goals of the Millennium Declaration to make available the benefits
23 of new technology, especially information and communication in cooperation with the
24 private sector;
- 25 5. *Asks* UNICEF, UNDP, and related bodies to aid in the establishment of primary
26 educational institutions, in conjunction with local governments and existing institutions;
27 e.g. building of elementary schools in rural areas, supply of educational provisions when
28 needed, etc.;
- 29 6. *Calls upon* all said international bodies to implement the above recommendations and
30 work together to achieve a cumulative rise in the global standard of living (as determined
31 by the HDI).

Final Vote: 41 in favor / 0 opposed / 4 abstentions