

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Sustainable Development and International Economic Cooperation: Integration of the Economies in Transition into the World Economy

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: The Second Committee

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1 *Recognizing* the difficulty that confronts developing nations in repayment of debt as interest
2 rates overwhelm economic recovery facilitated by loan-based aid,

3 *Acknowledging* that integrating and balancing economic, social and environmental concerns and
4 meeting the needs of LDCs (lesser developed countries) is vital in order to improve the quality of life
5 for all humanity,

6 *Commending* the multi-lateral effort of international relief organizations such as the HIPC
7 (Heavily Indebted Poor Countries) initiative and foreign governments for past financial assistance in
8 the form of generous loans,

9 *Noting* the necessity of economic policy reform in order to foster a more sustainable system of
10 economic growth and security,

11 *Recognizing* the success of open market strategies in the developed world, while taking into
12 account the frailty of emerging economies and their infant industries,

13 Bearing in mind the debt-for-nature exchange program supported by UNCED, which describes
14 the cancellation or reduction of foreign debt of the government of a country in exchange for a
15 commitment by the debtor country to undertake projects for environmental agencies,

16 1. *Calls upon* creditor countries to consider the relaxation of debt repayment by developed
17 nations through established IMF/HIPC safeguard mechanisms, which includes re-evaluations of interest
18 rates and debt extension;

19 2. *Encourages* the expansion and broadened scope of the highly indebted poor countries (HIPC)
20 to include nation-states that do not meet current requirements for organization membership;

21 3. *Urges* cooperation of countries struggling with similar economic woes;

- 22 4. *Strongly invites* developed aid givers in the developed world to give aid specifically aimed at
23 strengthening and improving infrastructure especially focused on human capital through education,
24 healthcare, housing, and technology;
- 25 5. *Advocates* the establishment and continual growth of sovereign industries within LDCs;
- 26 6. *Requests* the creation of a core body of UN-trained advisors for foreign administrations
27 desiring reinforcement of developing governmental economic and social infrastructures while
28 maintaining cultural integrity and national sovereignty;
- 29 7. *Welcome* member states to reflect upon the reduction of domestic subsidies;
- 30 8. *Further recommends* the consideration of alleviation of embargoes of impoverished nations to
31 facilitate the potential furthering of neo-liberal economic policies;
- 32 9. *Encourages* developed countries to consider filling the financial gap in the HIPC Trust Fund;
- 33 10. *Hopes* to nurture through the consideration of the above clauses a mutually beneficial
34 relationship between developing nations, the developed world and multi-national cooperations;
- 35 11. *Recommends* extending debt-for-nature exchange to cover all resource preservation
36 including, but not limited to, all forests, and fragile flora and fauna habitats which would include desert
37 areas as well as other land and water reserves.

Plenary Final Vote: 46 - 6 - 15