



SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Promoting an Integrated Approach to Rural Development in Developing Countries for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development

SUBMITTED TO: Economic and Social Council

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*Recognizing* that rural development is a necessary condition for poverty eradication and sustainable development in developing countries,

*Affirming* the principles of the UN Charter, specifically Chapter IX and X outlining the responsibilities of ECOSOC and its commitment to human economic rights,

*Fully believing* that both international and regional integration, as well as foreign direct investment, are needed for developing countries to achieve sustainable development,

*Reaffirming* the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals and Brussels Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,

*Fully aware* of the efforts of the Food and Agriculture Organization, International Fund for Agriculture Development and the World Food Programme in rural development and poverty eradication,

*Alarmed by* the dire economic states of many developing countries and absence of maximizing benefits from globalization,

*Noting with satisfaction* nations that have and continue to pledge Official Development Assistance but realizing an unfortunate decline in these expenditures,

*Reminding* member states of the Millennium Declaration's goal, issued in September 2000, of halving the number of people living in absolute poverty by 2015,

*Recognizing* that the developmental process must focus on the improvement of political, economic, social, and ecological factors to be successful,

1. *Supports* good governance practices by developing countries as the foundation for contractual agreements between donor and receiving nation;

2. *Recommends* measures to stabilize, reform or buttress important institutions of developing countries in both public and private sectors, with the assistance of experts from national governments of developed countries, experts from regional trade organizations, public private partnerships (PPP), non-governmental organizations;

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38 3. *Recommends* the enhancement of social structures to better accommodate a developing country  
39 for transition to globalization and to include but not limited to: basic welfare provisions, medical care,  
40 educational and employment training opportunities, social security systems;

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42 4. *Further recommends* that a global ecological balance be achieved with the ratification of crucial  
43 international conventions and treaties by developing countries to include but not limited to the 1992  
44 Conference on the Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro and the 2002 World Summit for  
45 Sustainable development in Johannesburg;

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47 5. *Further encourages* that countries foster export of modern environmental technology to  
48 developing nations;

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50 6. *Encourages* lender nations to agree to comprehensive debt remission initiatives for the poorest  
51 developing nations;

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53 7. *Strongly recommends* that nations granted debt relief agree to employ newly available funds  
54 into social welfare programs, such as economic equity, or committing money to schools, hospitals, water  
55 provision projects or professional training;

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57 8. *Requests* that the G8 convene for the sole purpose of discussing rural development in  
58 developing countries and coordinating economic policy with the UN Millennium Declaration;

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60 9. *Urges* that developed nations agree to a goal of donating 0.7% of their gross national product  
61 long-term to developing countries;

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63 10. *Recommends* that funding of micro-loans be used as a means to support economic growth and  
64 development of LDCs;

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66 11. *Further requests* that this funding comes from a combination of sources including highly  
67 developed countries, NGOs, IFAD, FAO and UNDP;

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69 12. *Considers* the creation of a board comprised of developed and developing countries to  
70 coordinate the work of various UN agencies and guided by the Brussels Development Programme;

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72 13. *Further considers* that this board meets regularly with representatives of the World Bank and  
73 International Monetary Fund to coordinate work and that this board submit an annual report on the  
74 political, economic, social and ecological status of developing countries receiving aid;

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76 14. *Strongly recommends* that developing countries receiving aid keep transparent their fiscal  
77 records pertaining to all aid received from the United Nations by any nation.

Final Vote: 26 in favor / 5 opposed / 13 abstentions

Abstaining: Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Namibia, Panama, Qatar, Republic of  
Korea, Saudi Arabia, Tanzania, United Kingdom, Zimbabwe