

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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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

The Economic and Social Council

Deeply Concerned by debilitating poverty which pervades the world,

Realizing that three-fourths of the impoverished live in rural areas,

Noting with Satisfaction the developmental success of the 18 pilot countries underneath United Nations Development Assistance Framework,

Recalling the commitment set forth under the Ministerial Declaration to simplify, harmonize, and integrate assessment procedure,

Bearing in Mind the promise undertaken by consensus the Millennium Development Goals,

Alarmed that at the current rate according to the Brussels Program of Action, the MDG's will not be realized,

Noting with concern document E/2004/58 which states, "more than a billion people lack access to the basic financial services essential for them to manage their precarious lives. Experience has shown that direct access to financial services affects the productivity, asset formation, income and food security of the rural poor",

- 1. *Encourages* the growth of UNDAF to all willing nations in the global movement of poverty eradication in rural development;
- 2. *Calls upon* this body to create an International task force committee on commodities to engineer maximum collaboration between corresponding IGOs as well as member states, commodity specific bodies, NGOs and the Private sector;
- 3. *Recommends* that this task force focuses on the following in the effort to facilitate sustainable development:
 - (a) Assuming full responsibility over delegating specialized tasks currently assumed by

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37	(b) Setting its goal to develop functional infrastructure as priority;
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39	(c) coordinating international networks to relay relevant rural economic information to all
40	willing countries;
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42	(d) Promoting agricultural reform for sustainable food security as a precondition for
43	economic stability in LDCs;
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45	4. Requests all participating nations to assist the Common Country Assessment in the
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multiple entities;

5. *Expresses its hope* that developing nations, with the support of the International Monetary Fund and/or the Official Development Association, will provide essential financial services to their rural communities and allow greater synergy within regional economies.

Final Vote: 23 in favor /4 opposed / 13 abstentions Abstaining: Australia, Chile, China, Ecuador, France, Germany, Guatemala, Japan, Jamaica, Poland, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom