



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Economic and Environmental Questions: Population and Development

SUBMITTED TO: Economic and Social Council

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Reaffirming the principals of the Beijing + 5 Conference of 2000,

Recognizing the importance of the role of women in succeeding generations,

Noting that the majority of people living in poverty are women and their children,

Believing that the empowerment of women is a key factor in poverty eradiction, rural development, sustainable development and economic growth,

Further believing that the financial and social empowerment of women is essential in creating a healthy and sustainable population rate

Deeply concerned that the equal access to education for women and the full and equal participation of women within the job market will compliment the efforts of member states towards poverty eradication, rural development, sustainable development, and economic growth,

Declaring that the role of women in rural and sustainable development cannot be ignored,

1. *Recommends* the creation of information centers within member states for the purpose of implementing basic education (such as literacy programs) and training prospective workers of both genders through seminars and programs regarding job opportunities, vocational techniques, and financial management;

2. *Further recommends* that member states adopt a poverty reduction program which would provide basic education on health issues including but not limited to: sanitation, assess to and proper treatment of drinking water, and prevention of malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS;

3. *Suggests* the development of childcare centers so as to allow women the opportunity to work;

4. *Calls upon* states to consider the development of inclusive health programs which would provide educational and consultative services for women to make healthy decisions;

5. *Welcomes* coordination between civil society, government agencies, and UN agencies for the purpose of conducting research on the status of the education of women and the prevalence of

38 women within the job market;

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40 6. *Urges* an extensive, interactive, and consultative process between civil society and the
41 donor community so as to insure the dedication to and implementation of the above mentioned
42 principles and programs.

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44 7. *Calls upon* nations to provide annual reports with staistical data regarding the progress of
45 above listed efforts.

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47 8. *Requests* following Bangladesh's success with a similar scenario, funded through micro
48 credit loans (with the Grameen bank Model), the UN shall adopt this method, when needed
49 ensuring that the above mentioned education will be followed by accountability.

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51 9. *Recommends* funding of micro credit loans through local and national banks or other non-
52 governmental organizations, as well as the UN organizations specifically delegated to such duties in
53 the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo.

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55 10. The NGOs would coordinate with countries' governments to customize education with
56 the countries' preferences taken in account.

Final Vote: Passed by Consensus with Chile, China, Congo and Jamaica Abstaining