



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GA2/1/5

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Macroeconomic policy questions: External Debt Crisis and Development

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

1 *The General Assembly*

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3 *Recalling* resolutions A/58/203, A/57/529, A/55/184, and A/56/588,

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5 *Noting with approval* the progress that the United Nations, World Bank, and International
6 Monetary Fund have achieved,

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8 *Recalling* General Assembly resolution A/RES/55/184 and A/RES/58/203, which
9 recognize and supports the need to seek enhancement of international cooperation toward
10 external debt,

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12 *Reaffirming* the Millennium Declaration adopted by the heads of state and government on
13 8 September, 2000,

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15 *Concerned* with development of proper structure and/or infrastructure of indebted
16 countries to support humanitarian goals,

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18 *Seeking* to improve trade relations globally in order to promote peace and stability for all
19 nations,

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21 *Considering* the need for accountability to lenders of aid,

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23 *Recognizing* the need for countries dealing with social difficulties to receive debt relief,

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25 1. *Stresses* the need for expanding the eligibility criteria stipulating the minimum level
26 of external debt and internal development for the enhanced HIPC Initiative in order to create a
27 broader scope to allow greater availability of aid for more nations that are in need;

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29 (a) Including low and middle income nations with substantial debt which would be
30 otherwise labeled unsustainable,

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32 2. *Calls upon* developed countries, keeping in mind their constructive contributions up to
33 this point, to continue coordinating payment plans to expediently alleviate debt;

34 3. *Emphasizes* the need for by the international community to prioritize helping post-
35 conflict developing countries, especially those under the HIPC Initiative list of countries and
36 considered for eligibility, in order to achieve initial reconstruction for economic and social
37 development;

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39 4. *Reemphasizes* the importance for debtor developing countries to continue to pursue
40 and intensify their efforts in their economic reform, stabilization and structural adjustment
41 programs, in order to raise savings and investment, reduce inflation and improve economic
42 efficiency taking into account their individual characteristics and vulnerability of the poorer
43 strata of their populations;

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45 5. *Encourages* debtor and creditor nations to maintain clear and open lines of
46 communication regarding destination of funds sent specifically for the purposes of further debt
47 relief;

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49 (a) requests official records and analysis with the purpose of clarifying the final
50 destination of said funds,

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52 (b) emphasizes that the above request will be observatory in nature,

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54 6. *Endorses* economic assistance to also be directed towards primary and secondary
55 educational programs and structure to be viewed as part of a long term economic and social
56 strategy to improve the status of developing nations' infrastructure;

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58 (a) With emphasis on economic development and internal job creation,

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60 7. *Emphasizes* open trade as a fundamental element to help heavily indebted countries
61 reach stabilization and work to strengthen the cooperation by opening trade relations;

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63 (a) Calls for more cooperative and balanced regional development plan as well as
64 diversify trade partners worldwide for further economic development and growth for all member
65 states,

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67 8. *Notes* that debt servicing adversely affects sustainable development and that alternate
68 financing is better suited to address the variety of needs specific to individual nations and
69 coalitions;

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71 9. *Encourages* the continuation of the WTO initiatives toward the reduction of unilateral
72 barriers to free trade in order to facilitate greater parity between trading partners.

Final Vote: 40 in favor / 27 opposed / 23 abstentions