



American Model United Nations

## Economic and Social Council

ECOSOC/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Economic and Environmental Questions: Human Settlements

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

SUBMITTED BY: Azerbaijan

### *The Economic and Social Council*

1           *Recognizing* access to primary education, shelter, energy sources and safe water  
2 necessary to promoting sustainable human settlements,

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4           *Noting the need* to incorporate regional partners and civil societies to assist  
5 international organizations and the private sector,

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7           *Encouraging* reduction in intermediate bureaucratic procedures to efficiently and  
8 effectively allocate funds directly to human settlement improvement,

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10          *Affirming* the importances of periodic progress reports regarding sustainable  
11 development programs of UN-Habitat and other relevant organizations,

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13          *Reminding* the body of the importance of economic development as a crucial  
14 aspect of fostering long term sustainability,

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16          *Reaffirming* the interdependence of rural and urban areas especially in regards to  
17 underprivileged rural living conditions as a direct cause of the burgeoning urban slum  
18 population,

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20          *Keeping in mind* the fact that the most impoverished nations carry a tax burden in  
21 excess of twenty percent of the annual income of their citizens,

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23          1. *Encourages* the creation of local educational programs focused on teaching and  
24 integrating the various aspects of human settlements including but no limited to:

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26                   (a) Safe water acquisition and maintenance,

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28                   (b) Efficient solid waste management,

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30                   (c) Access to affordable energy resources,

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- 32 (d) Awareness of the short and long term needs and goals,  
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34 (e) Preventitive measures against possible environmental and natural  
35 disaster threats,  
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37 (f) Employment creation and enterprise promotion by means of microcredit  
38 loans and/or credit,  
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40 (g) Possible science and technology resources shared from developed  
41 nations,  
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43 (h) Embracing existing regional cooperatives;  
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45 2. *Urges* member states to provide employment opportunities and adequate  
46 infrastructure to rural areas so as to minimize rural-to-urban migration by educating  
47 citizens in the core aspects of creating sustainable settlements as mentioned above:  
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- 49 (a) Safe water acquisition and maintainance,  
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51 (b) Efficient waste management,  
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53 (c) Access to energy,  
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55 (d) Creating employment opportunities,  
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57 (e) Technology and science from developed nations;  
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59 3. *Welcomes* transparency between nations to decentralize the decision making  
60 progress and increase regional participation by means of economic partnerships and  
61 political influence as well as facilitating dialogue between civil society, the domestic  
62 private sector and international partners on the state of human settlements;  
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64 4. *Suggests* the World Bank, IMF and other relevant institutions to provide  
65 economic incentives including, but not limited to, reevaluation of current interest levels  
66 for nations, to member nations for showing commitment to reform that:  
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- 68 (a) Attempts to eliminate the corruption within the human settlements  
69 including law enforcement, money collectors and other corrupted agencies,  
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71 (b) Continues efforts that support waste management through government  
72 created, privately created and NGO supported employment locally as shown by the nation  
73 of Tanzania,  
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75 (c) Shows efforts to provide the necessary infrastructure in their  
76 settlements such as plumbing, plans for structural integrity, proper enregy distribution  
77 that includes heating, roads that link business areas and housing areas, and measures that

78 plan to improve conditions in human settlements;

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80           5. *Endorses* the practice of re-examining tax burdens of impoverished nations  
81 once a consensus on interest rate has been met;

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83           6. *Recommends* the use foreign direct investment as another financial resource;

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85           7. *Transmits* all findings and conclusions of these cooperations to the General  
86 Assembly for implementation of solutions as proposed by the Economic and Social  
87 Council.

Passed by consensus, with Azerbaijan, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo,  
Nigeria, United Arab Emirates, Cuba abstaining