



American Model United Nations

Economic and Social Council

ECOSOC/IV/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Report of the Commission on the Status of Women

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

SUBMITTED BY: The Commission on the Status of Women

The Economic and Social Council

1 *Having studied* the state of women's sexual and reproductive health around the
2 world,

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4 *Understanding* that Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) exists as a worldwide
5 cultural practice but nonetheless violates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as
6 well as the Beijing Platform for Action,

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8 *Considers* the work that has already been done on this issue,

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10 *Recognizing* that the practice of FGM often results in irreparable medical damage
11 to women's bodies and/or death,

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13 *Noting with concern* that maternal mortality rates are problematic in all member
14 states, regardless of development status,

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16 *Regretting* the spread of the HIV/AIDS pandemic as a result of erroneous beliefs
17 about the transmission and treatment of the disease,

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19 *Emphasizing* that the education of men and boys plays an integral role in
20 eliminating these practices that are detrimental to the sexual reproductive health of
21 women worldwide,

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23 1. *Seeks* to increase the awareness of the harmful effects of FGM, including the
24 physical, emotional, and psychological damage that occurs:

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26 (a) Calls upon member states to cooperate with NGOs in their efforts to
27 end FGM,

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29 (b) Encourages ECOSOC to utilize international volunteer groups in
30 conjunction with the NGOs;

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32 2. *Further recommends* efforts to increase awareness of the necessity of prenatal

33 and delivery care for women including:

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35 (a) The importance of sanitation during the delivery process,

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37 (b) Access to appropriate medical care,

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39 (c) The prevention and treatment of Fistula;

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41 3. *Encourages* the increased education of boys, girls, men, and women about the
42 prevention, transmission, and treatment of HIV/AIDS through international volunteer
43 groups and/or UN organizations;

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45 4. *Calls* upon member states, their international community, and the private
46 sector to provide resources to help member states to meet these goals.

Passed, Yes: 14 / No: 1 / Abstain: 8