



American Model United Nations
General Assembly

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Follow-up to the Outcome of the Special Session on Children

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: Egypt, El Salvador, Nigeria, Oman, Yemen

The General Assembly Plenary

1
2 *Reaffirming* the international community's commitment to its children is long-
3 standing and well documented,
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5 *Recalling* the goal of the 2002 Special Session on Children to obtain global
6 eradication of poliomyelitis (polio) by 2005,
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8 *Bearing in mind* the near success of this goal resultant of funding provided by the
9 World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and non-
10 governmental organizations (NGOs) as well as donations from nation states, and that a
11 lack of funding did not lead to the reemergence of poliomyelitis in 2005,
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13 *Further considering* that the majority of funding necessary for the eradication of
14 poliomyelities as outlined within has already been pledged to the Initiative for the Global
15 Eradication of Polio,
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17 *Applauding* initiatives brought forth by the International Solidarity Fund to
18 provide funding for programs in rural populations,
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20 *Aware* that the target population of poliomyelitis is under five years and primarily
21 0-2 years of age,
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23 *Recognizing* the family unit is integral to the development of children's values,
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25 *Concerned* that recent statistics indicate rural/urban disparity in health care and
26 education initiatives,
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28 *Alarmed* by recent outbreaks of poliomyelitis in numerous countries previously
29 considered poliomyelitis-free,
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31 1. *Congratulates* member nations on their efforts to contain the virus during the
32 2004 re-occurrences in Africa;

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2. *Requests* member nations give humanitarian aid to regions recently affected by natural disasters to curtail any possible epidemics of poliomyelitis;

3. *Also requests* increased financial support for WHO's efforts to map networks of poliomyelitis transmission to target vaccinations and treatment efforts at transmission hubs;

4. *Especially encourages* afflicted nations to continue enhanced immunization schedules to contain the virus;

5. *Urges* the implementation of programs to educate the populations of afflicted nations as to the transmission of the disease, whenever possible within pre-existing educational framework;

6. *Further urges* families to discuss transmission methods of poliomyelitis to stress the importance of avoiding exposure thereby decreasing the risks of future outbreaks;

7. *Emphasizes* the necessity of continued initiatives to develop proper sanitation infrastructures necessary to halt the circulation of the poliovirus;

8. *Strongly supports* the goal of worldwide eradication of the poliomyelitis virus by 2007;

9. *Suggests* the General Assembly collaborate with UNICEF, WHO, and non-governmental organizations for rapid localized response to achieve that goal;

10. *Further suggests* that the strategies for eradication of poliomyelitis outlined above, if successful, be adapted for control and eradication future epidemics.

Passed, Yes: 63 / No: 11 / Abstain: 17