



SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Right to Development

SUBMITTED TO: The Third Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Nicaragua, Barbados, Costa Rica, Cuba, Venezuela

*The Third Committee*

1           *Recalling* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 and the Declaration  
2 of the Right to Development, DRD, 41/128, adopted December 4, 1986, which  
3 established a human-centered right to development to all citizens,  
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5           *Further recalling* the Vienna Declaration and the Programme of Action,  
6 A/CONF.157/23, signed June 25, 1993, which recognizes that democracy, development  
7 and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually  
8 reinforcing,  
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10          *Further recalling* the Millennium Declaration, 55/2, of September 8, 2000, which  
11 called on member states to establish programs to improve development and human rights,  
12 especially goal 8 and the forming of a global cooperative for development,  
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14          *Noting with approval* the numerous Commission on Human Rights Resolutions  
15 over the past twenty-five years that demanded the UN and the world trade and financial  
16 institutions to act to improve the right to development,  
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18          *Believing* that all states share a responsibility for meeting the goals of the right to  
19 development,  
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21          *Approving* the International Monetary Fund Highly Indebted Poor Country  
22 Initiatives I and II, establishing debt relief for the poorest states,  
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24          *Further approving* the International Monetary Fund Multilateral Debt Relief  
25 Initiative, which has expanded the HIPC initiatives to include more states,  
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27          *Concerned* that world trade and monetary institutions have not been sufficiently  
28 effective in focusing on the right to development at the individual level,  
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30          *Noting with concern* the lack of participation in planning and implementing  
31 development and debt relief schemes,  
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33 *Deeply regretting* that development programs ignore the unique situations found  
34 within each state in need of development aid,

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36 *Noting with concern* corruption is a contributor to the difficulties in realizing a  
37 right to development and that state and international actors often encourage and supports  
38 existing corruption,

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40 1. *Reaffirms* the UN's previous position on a human-centered right to  
41 development;

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43 2. *Urges* all states to implement the DRD;

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45 3. *Regrets* the narrow focus of international and trade institutions emphasizing  
46 economic growth rather than poverty reduction;

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48 4. *Further regrets* the impediments to social and economic development;

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50 5. *Endorses* existing poverty reduction programs;

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52 6. *Recommends* the international trade and financial institutions design and  
53 implement programs based on human-centered right to development, which would  
54 include programs on human capital development as opposed to focusing on GDP growth  
55 to include:

- 56 (a) A 15 year moratorium of debt repayment;  
57 (b) Cancellation of all accrued and future interest;  
58 (c) 50% reduction of the principle;

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60 7. *Calls upon* each state and lending institution to reconsider bilateral loan  
61 conditions, keeping in mind the international community's goal of debt reduction;

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63 8. *Urges* the expansion and streamlining of the HIPC and MDRI initiatives to  
64 include all nations suffering under the debt regime;

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66 9. *Calls for* the eventual cancellation of interest on the bilateral and multilateral  
67 debt of the countries for the HIPC initiatives;

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69 10. *Calls for* the use of saved monies, sensitive to the unique social and economic  
70 development needs of each state, to be used supporting the right to development;

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72 11. *Acknowledges* that only through participation and transparency can  
73 development programs succeed;

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75 12. *Notes with concern* that past programs have failed based on misunderstanding  
76 poverty situations and encourages greater leeway for developing states in future  
77 programs;

79           13. *Recommends* that the international financial and trade institutions establish  
80 procedures for including expertise found within the country to receive debt relief and  
81 development assistance, accomplished through initiating professional relationships  
82 between development organizations and in the Global South, in pursuance of MGD 8;  
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84           14. *Further recommends* the international financial and trade institutions make all  
85 internal proceedings, minutes, and reports available to the public through the internet and  
86 outreach programs in all states, especially the countries under structural adjustment  
87 and/or debt relief and forgiveness programs;  
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89           15. *Endorses* South to South bilateral loans in addition to multilateral loans;  
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91           16. *Emphasizes* reduction of corruption and calls for member states, international  
92 trade and financial organizations, and multilateral corporations to end support of  
93 corruption;  
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95           17. *Declares* that the development issues should be dealt with taking into account  
96 the unique concerns of each country.

Passed, Yes: 37 / No: 16 / Abstain: 28