



SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Right to Development

SUBMITTED TO: The Third Committee

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1 *Upholding* the sovereign equality of all member states as documented in Article 2
2 Section 1 of the United Nations Charter, and the importance of developing countries'
3 maintenance of state responsibility and sovereignty as noted in Article 3 Section 1 of the
4 Declaration on the Right to Development,

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6 *Noting with concern* the negative effects of globalization in which large
7 international corporations seek to establish production locations in areas where workers
8 can be exploited by paying substandard wages and maintaining only the poorest level of
9 working conditions, resulting in social and economic decline in many developing member
10 states,

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12 *Emphasizing* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 23 which
13 enforces “just and favorable conditions of work” (Section 1), “equal pay for equal work”
14 (Section 2), and the right of individuals to support their families in “an existence worthy
15 of human dignity” (Section 3),

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17 *Stressing* the rights to form trade unions, earn an income that provides an
18 adequate standard of living, and opportunity for advancement as stated in the Covenant
19 on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights as well as its particular emphasis on ending the
20 exploitation of children,

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22 1. *Strongly encourages* all member states to adopt labor codes that provide fair
23 employment, safe working conditions, and sufficient income to facilitate an adequate
24 standard of living while respecting other important human rights and international treaties
25 by voluntarily adopting most if not all of the following standards with adjustments to fit
26 the economic circumstances of individual nations:

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28 (a) A minimum wage that reflects the necessary income in order to maintain an
29 adequate standard of living in the particular member state;

31 (b) Equal pay for equal work regardless of factors such as race, religion,
32 nationality, gender, age, or language, including in the case of migrant workers;
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34 (c) The right to establish and participate in trade unions;
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36 (d) Sufficient maternity leave for women so that the health of the mother and the
37 child is not endangered by inappropriate work requirements;
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39 (e) Providing national standards for working conditions including physical
40 security near the location of hazardous material and machinery, sanitation, and
41 availability of first aid materials in the event of an emergency as determined by individual
42 member states;
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44 (f) A strong recommendation for companies that establish production facilities to
45 hire workers in a manner that will benefit the local economy;
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47 (g) Support for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 26 which
48 upholds universal primary education by passing codes that minimize the occurrence of
49 child labor and encourages all levels of the population to gain education and skills that
50 allow the individuals to be competitive in the marketplace including developing the skills
51 necessary for entrepreneurship;
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53 2. *Recommends* the use of programs which encourage foreign companies to
54 responsibly invest and develop branches in member states, as long as the aforesaid
55 corporations agree to operate within the member state's labor codes, with the possibility
56 of one or more incentives such as:
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58 (a) Tax-based incentives such as the reduction of property taxes and/or taxes on
59 exports or imports;
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61 (b) Reduction of sales taxes on materials used for business-related expenses;
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63 (c) Discounted or free media time for advertising purposes within the member
64 state depending on the availability of technology;
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66 3. *Promotes* the creation of agencies or departments (Labor Law Department)
67 within individual governments that collect and respond to allegations of labor rights
68 abuses that operate according to the following guidelines:
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70 (a) Allow citizens to make complaints by the most technologically efficient
71 method possible such as phone-in complaints, oral complaints in person, mailed
72 documents, and e-mailed statements;
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74 (b) Employ an adequate number of staff members including a portion of which
75 who have an adequate education in the member state's legal code to handle the incoming
76 complaints with recommendations such as 10 staff members for every 5 million members

77 of the population but differing depending on the levels of complaints;

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79 (c) Acquire assistance from international and non-governmental organizations,
80 such as the International Labor Organization, when possible in order to support such a
81 program in a less developed nation lacking sufficient resources to support such a
82 department and cooperation with those organizations in order to maintain accountability;

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84 (d) The Labor Law Department has the right to investigate and inspect work
85 facilities in order to assess whether the corporation is acting in accordance with
86 established labor laws;

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88 (e) The Labor Law Department files reports providing the conclusions of the
89 cases it investigates with the national government of the member state and the Labor Law
90 Department also completes an annual report including the number and nature of
91 complaints made that year;

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93 4. *Urges* member states who adopt this three step process (labor law codes,
94 encouraging private foreign investment, and creating a department to monitor labor
95 practices) to continue to provide incentives to companies which responsibly invest in the
96 region, but which penalize corporations which infringe upon the rights of citizens in
97 accordance with the findings of the Labor Law Department by:

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99 (a) Removing previously allocated incentives;

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101 (b) Suing on the behalf of violated workers so that they might receive just
102 compensation;

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104 (c) Requiring companies to leave the region if workers' rights violations persist;

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106 5. *Congratulates* member states that have successfully applied similar models
107 into their national policies and encourages such nations to provide advice in an effort of
108 regional cooperation to less developed member states seeking to improve labor conditions
109 within their borders.

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