



American Model United Nations
Second Committee

GA 2nd/I/3

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Implementation of the Outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (ONU-Habitat)

SUBMITTED TO: The Second Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Cameroon, Mauritania, Rwanda, Syrian Arab Republic, Madagascar, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia

The Second Committee

1 *Recognizing* the inherent right of all human beings to life, liberty, and dignity
2 according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
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4 *Calling* to mind A/RES/56/206, the Habitat Agenda, Agenda 21, the Millennium
5 Declaration, the Millennium Development Goals, the Vancouver Declaration on Human
6 Settlements, the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements, and the Copenhagen
7 Declaration on Human Settlements,
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9 *Recalling* the Commission of Human Settlements and the United Nations Centre
10 for Human Settlements established in 1978 which mandates the international community
11 to develop sustainable development,
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13 *Acknowledging* the work of Habitat II, UN-Habitat and their programs, including
14 Water and Sanitation Programmes, the Sustainable Cities Programme, and the Safer
15 Cities Programme,
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17 *Noting with deep concern* the lack of adequate power and the availability of water
18 and sanitation throughout developing nations,
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20 *Also noting* that pre-urban areas vary greatly from area to area, therefore, planning
21 must be adapted specifically to the local populous,
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23 *Stressing* the burden on developing countries to support refugees of world
24 conflicts,
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26 *Considering* the need to protect the human rights of the aforementioned refugees,
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28 *Further recalling* Security Council Resolution 497 of 1981, which unanimously
29 called the Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan “null and void” and Res/A/62/75 which
30 outlines the economic hardships of those persons living in the illegally occupied
31 territories and calls for the immediate removal of Israeli troops from the territories,
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33 *Noting with deep satisfaction*, the General Assembly reaffirmed those goals and
34 objectives in the Declaration of Cities and Other Human Settlements in the new
35 millennium of 2001,
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37 *Guided by* the principles of international law set forth in the United Nations
38 Charter and respecting the sovereignty of States to development,
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40 *Mindful of* Article 2, Section 1 of the United Nations Charter, which asserts the
41 sovereignty of each Member State,
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43 1. *Suggests* educational and vocational training and awareness initiatives to allow
44 citizens to maintain and further develop the work started by UN-Habitat,
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46 a. To be overseen by the United Nations Educational Scientific and
47 Cultural Organization (UNESCO) taking into account sovereignty,
48 national differences such as climate, religion and culture, while
49 strengthening established programs,
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51 b. To assist local authorities and civil organizations to build core skills and
52 competencies in areas such as leadership, financial management, local
53 economic development, planning and conflict management;
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55 2. *Supports* the establishment of micro-enterprises and rural urban partnership
56 programs in communities to enable sustainable lives and help alleviate poverty,
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58 a. Pursuing national legislative efforts under the guidance of the United
59 Nations Development Programme in order to increase political
60 representation and proper implementation of government,
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62 b. Endorsing the easing of economic impediments such as tariff barriers to
63 help enable developing countries to successfully integrate themselves into
64 the global economy,
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66 c. Allowing developing countries to train personnel on human rights
67 monitoring, counseling, and humanitarian law in accordance with the
68 Declaration of Human Rights and supervised by the UNDP under the
69 parameters of the Geneva Convention the International Criminal of Justice;
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71 3. *Requests* the establishment of the Urban Development Council (UDC) under
72 the supervision of UN Habitat to include:
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- 74 a. Promote market growth through local and private investments,
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76 b. Expand local infrastructure by providing works projects and education
77 by facilitating the construction of primary and secondary schools,
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79 c. Develop road infrastructure through the development of improved roads,
80 unimproved roads, and bridges as well as the repair of existing roads and
81 bridges,
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83 d. Facilitate access to adequate water supply for common use,
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85 e. Enable communities to construct and improve low-income housing in
86 rural and urban centers;
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- 88 4. *Requests* the assistance, support, knowledge and expertise of non-
89 governmental organizations (NGOs) to facilitate and strengthen the guidelines set forth
90 by the United Nations Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat);
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- 92 5. *Calls for* investments to be made in the areas of education, health, and
93 infrastructure in conjunction with local development projects and further recommends
94 that funding be appropriated to projects to develop low-income housing to provide shelter
95 for burgeoning urban populations;
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- 97 6. *Invites* the Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, New
98 Economic Partnership for African Development, Economic Community of West African
99 States, Islamic Development, Southern African Development Community, International
100 Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and all other relevant financial institutions to participate
101 in funding through non-earmarked funds to further development, infrastructure, and
102 sustainability, and encourages further donations to the Official Development Assistance
103 (ODA);
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- 105 7. *Requests* the consideration of refugees and refugee camps in relation to the
106 standards of the Declaration of Human Rights and encourages the international
107 community to support financially the Member States presently supporting large refugee
108 populations;
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- 110 8. *Urges* the increase of transparency on the regional and international levels to
111 promote information exchange, education, and awareness initiatives.

Passed, Yes: 46 / No: 26 / Abstain: 16