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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:	Annual Ministerial Review: Implementing the Internationally Agreed Goals and Commitments in Regard to Sustainable Development
SUBMITTED TO:	The Economic and Social Council
SUBMITTED BY:	Russian Federation, Brazil, Pakistan, Somalia
The Economic and Social Council	
<i>Realizing</i> that sustainable development can only be accomplished in tandem with improving health care and the quality of life experienced by developing nations,	
<i>Recognizing</i> the great advances in medical technology that the world has experienced over the last 50 years,	
Approving of the near-eradication of many diseases, such as malaria and tuberculosis, in advanced industrial states,	
Noting with alarm that these same diseases run rampant and unchecked throughout the developing world,	
Fully aware of the pressing need to suppress the spread of HIV and AIDS in every country, in both developing states and advanced industrial nations,	
Desiring to improve the health and well-being of all people, regardless of social or economic status, with emphasis on reducing global infant mortality rates due to disease and extending life spans,	
Realizing that it is within our power to ensure that medicines and supplies required to prevent the spread of disease reach those in need,	
Noting with approval humanitarian efforts to transfer medical technologies and knowledge to developing nations,	
1. <i>Calls upon</i> member states to improve the transfer of existing medical knowledge and technology to developing nations, such as medicines and advanced medical equipment;	

2. Urges this body to take steps to reduce the spread of contagious disease in

developing nations, such as tuberculosis, malaria, polio, and other such diseases that have been either cured or suppressed in advanced industrial countries;

- 3. *Recommends* the following steps as a starting point from which we can provide the medical care so desperately needed across the developing world;
- (a) Improve communication and cooperation between NGOs, state governments, and the World Health Organization in regards to distributing medical supplies and the transfer of information pertaining to the reduction and eventual eradication of disease:
- (b) Create education regimes to inform people about the causes and spread of diseases, and to teach simple preventative measures in developing nations, especially in remote rural areas, with an emphasis on preventing the spread of HIV and AIDS;
- (c) Increase the flow of supplies related to the prevention of disease, such as water purification technology, sleeping nets, and other inexpensive methods of disease control;
- (d) To make available through the World Health Organization, at little-to-no cost, the medicines that have cured or suppressed tuberculosis, malaria, polio and similar diseases, to developing nations, along with suitable distribution regimes to ensure that supplies reach those in need;
- (e) Encourage subsidization of supplies, or increased funding, to facilitate the distribution of inexpensive medicines to regions in need;
- 4. *Emphasizes* the need for this or similar programs to help meet the Millennium Development Goals regarding health care, and improve the quality of life across the world.

Passed by consensus, with 2 abstentions