



American Model United Nations  
**Second Committee**

GA 2nd/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: External Debt Crisis and Development

SUBMITTED TO: The Second Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Australia, Japan, Malaysia, Fiji

*The Second Committee*

1            *Reminding* member states of their promise to address the external debt crisis as  
2 crucial in achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015,

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4            *Applauding* the progress made by the United Nations in previous debt relief  
5 efforts such as the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative (MDRI),

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7            *Believing* that nations must be given every opportunity to meet the Millennium  
8 Development Goals,

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10           *Noting* that the existence of external debt makes the realization of these goals  
11 increasingly difficult,

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13           *Recognizing* that it is unfair to hold Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) and  
14 their citizens accountable for illegitimate or odious debt, which is debt accumulated by  
15 previous and often undemocratic political regimes,

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17           *Defining* illegitimate governments as an unstable political regime which acquired  
18 external debt during their time of power and has since been removed from power in favor  
19 of a more stable government,

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21           1. *Calls upon* the members of the Second Committee to work together to aid  
22 nations in relieving their external debt and achieving their Millennium Development  
23 Goals;

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25           2. *Approves* setting up a prioritization of relief in order that the nations who need  
26 debt relief the most may receive that debt;

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28           3. *Takes* note that nations which will fail the Millennium Development Goals  
29 without external debt relief should be amongst the first nations to receive external debt  
30 relief;

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32           4. *Designates* that the nations that are actively working to meet benchmarks

33 towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals should be the next nations to  
34 receive external debt relief;

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36           5. *Calls upon* creditor nations to forgive debt of creditee nations who have paid  
37 back the amount of the actual loan two times over and the remaining balance is solely an  
38 interest payment;

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40           6. *Endorses* the cancellation of odious, illegitimate debt which was not incurred  
41 by the presently recognized and legitimized government as defined above;

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43           7. *Requests* that upon external debt cancellation, assessments are instituted to  
44 insure the sustainability of the economy of the nation and that oversights are taken to  
45 insure that money is going towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals;

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47           8. *Supports* the utilization of the South-North Campaign on Illegitimate Debt to  
48 determine which debts are legitimate, and to insure that money is going to improve  
49 infrastructure, industry, education, and other areas that will lead to the achievement of the  
50 Millennium Development Goals;

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52           9. *Urges* member states to consider external debt relief a major issue to the  
53 achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the betterment of the economical  
54 and social situation in the world.

Passed, Yes: 53 / No: 29 / Abstain: 18