



American Model United Nations

Economic Commission for Africa

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Aid for Trade: Challenges and opportunities for Africa

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic Commission for Africa

SUBMITTED BY: Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe

The Economic Commission for Africa

1 *Deeply concerned* with the current economic situation of many African nations,

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3 *Emphasizing* the importance of infrastructure, ranging from the basic construction
4 of roads to the education of the people within the nation to increase trade capacity to
5 continue the Aid for Trade Regulations,

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7 *Understanding* that the creation of this infrastructure also provides work for the
8 people of Africa, which will in turn stimulate the economies of Africa as a whole,

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10 *Noting with concern* the problems associated with too much oversight over certain
11 aspects of the Aid for Trade program,

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13 *Fully believing* that only nations that have physical and governmental
14 infrastructure, productive capacity, custom facilitations and technical skills will be fully
15 able to take advantage of the Aid for Trade program,

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17 *Understanding* the informational infrastructure to mean e-commerce and other
18 technological infrastructure that would be beneficial to trade,

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20 1. *Urges* the creation of basic infrastructure to the lesser developed nations within
21 Africa through the donor countries already involved in Aid for Trade;

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23 2. *Calls upon* the more developed nations within Africa to provide informational
24 infrastructure to the lesser developed nations that are ready for this step, understanding
25 that this also bolsters trade for the more developed countries as well;

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27 3. *Expresses its hope* that there is more liberalization of the economic aid given to
28 lesser developed nations, with some oversight by the World Trade Organization and the
29 Economic Commission for Africa (ECA);

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31 4. *Calls upon* Member Nations to further enhance integration between member
32 states and comply with international custom standards to minimize delays between
33 borders;

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35 5. *Endorses* the greater equalization of trade commerce, and exchange rates;

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37 6. *Encourages* the strengthening of preexisting regional economic partnerships
38 and organizations for the purposes of mainstreaming economic trade between the nations
39 in Africa;

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41 7. *Welcomes* the creation of a committee to focus on public-private partnerships
42 (PPPs) to further develop both inter- and intra-continental trade;

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44 8. *Urges* the international world to revise the trade principles and encourage fair
45 and balanced global economic and trade rules, and favor competitive practices that will
46 allow the African continent to succeed in the global trade market.

Passed by consensus, with Malawi abstaining.