



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: Malawi, Algeria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe

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2 Emphasizing that relationships of economic interdependence result in cooperation  
3 across borders,

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5 *Declaring* that micro finance is an aid system that allows for the development of  
6 self-sustainability,

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8 *Recognizing* the benefits of the Aid for Trade program in creating infrastructure in  
9 under developed countries,

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11 *Taking into consideration* the need for individual and regional improvement for  
12 the success of the Aid for Trade program,

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14 *Observing* that this development will enable a basis for future international  
15 cooperation,

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17 *Fully aware* that compliance with the Economic Trade for Africa's Aid for Trade  
18 policy's are entirely voluntary for each individual state, but encourages nations to uphold  
19 prior commitments as long term development goals are difficult to accomplish without  
20 stable support,

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22 1. *Recommends* the use of micro loans and micro finances in creating and  
23 facilitating trade at the local level through:

24 (a.) Encouraging entrepreneurship;

25 (b.) Creating employment;

26 (c.) Encouraging intrastate commerce;

27 (d.) Creating an organized financial system in our countries;

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- 29           2. *Notes* the necessity of modernization and the use of modern technologies in:  
30                 (a.) Identifying agricultural needs;  
31                 (b.) Enhancing the productive capacities of African States;  
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- 33           3. *Calls upon* the development and implementation of vocational education  
34 programs with the assistance of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) for  
35 the purposes of:  
36                 (a.) Creating human capital through education, recognizing that education  
37 can fight poverty;  
38                 (b.) Providing an initiative to expand individual knowledge of finance and  
39 trade, which will aid in the stimulation of commerce;  
40                 (c.) Encouraging individuals towards proper financial practices such as  
41 private savings and investment;  
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- 43           4. *Strongly recommends* the formation of a summit, consisting of a Government  
44 supported network system with help from private NGO's in terms of advice and  
45 consultation;  
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- 47           5. *Supports* the strengthening of existing Regional Economic Committees in  
48 Africa for the purposes of:  
49                 (a.) Mainstreaming regional trade policies;  
50                 (b.) Creating trade partnerships between African States;  
51                 (c.) Reducing interstate conflict and enhancing cooperation;  
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- 53           6. *Urges* member states to fulfill existing commitments such as the Paris  
54 Declaration to improve and enhance the Aid for Trade Initiative.

Passed, Yes: 30 / No: 1 / Abstain: 1