



American Model United Nations
General Assembly

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Improvement of the Situation of Women in Rural Areas

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: Third Committee

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1 *Taking into account* the important role played by rural women in the production of goods
2 and services and their contribution to world economy,

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4 *Taking into consideration* the necessity of a regional, national and international
5 framework for technical assistance for small group of business women in developing countries
6 and most importantly in rural areas,

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8 *Recognizing* the significance of performing a census for rural women that contains
9 information on the areas of concern,

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11 *Alarmed by* the negative consequences of the economic and financial crisis and its
12 impact on poverty, health care, access to clean water, education, particularly, on the lives of rural
13 women and girls,

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15 *Emphasizing* how essential is to promote and empower women in rural areas as an
16 effective way to combat the cycle of poverty, hunger and disease, and to stimulate a truly
17 sustainable development,

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19 *Endorsing* the action taken by The International Fund for Agricultural Development
20 (IFAD) by promoting access to agricultural credit loans, enforcement of agricultural technology,

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22 *Fully aware* of the lack of health facilities and high mortality rates during and after
23 pregnancy for women in rural areas,

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25 *Further recalling* Article 14 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of
26 Discrimination Against Women, particularly enhancing the access to adequate health care
27 facilities, including information, counseling, and services in family planning,

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29 *Taking into consideration* the Purchase for Progress Program (P4P) and its contribution
30 on supporting agricultural development, most importantly to women who are small holders,
31 helping them to produce and sell their staple commodities and, as a result, raise their income,

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33 *Fully aware* of the importance of tackling desertification, most importantly in desert
34 areas such as Sub-Saharan considering that deserts are eroding and this diminishes viable soil

options to sustainability,

1. *Recommends* the extension of a program of microcredits as incentives for business women in rural areas with the consultancy of The Grameen Foundation, the G-77 and the Perez Guerrero Trust Fund that includes:

(a) Creation of a sustainable platform for rural women in order to share their experiences among communities, discuss new ideas and identify business;

(b) Provide economical guidance to maximize benefits at lower costs and help them develop business plans;

(c) Commission a study on the results of this program with the purpose of finding out positive or negative trends;

(d) Selection of feasible business opportunities;

2. *Endorses* the Health Action Plan sponsored by the World Health Organization with the following main goals:

(a) Services of mobile ambulatories that can have access to provide medical assistance and family planning to small communities and rural areas, with specialized training and knowledge concerning women;

(b) Promote a system with an established schedule of the dates and time the ambulatory mobiles are going to be in specific areas;

(c) Create a vaccination and vitamin card system so that women have the proper control and treatment programs during and after pregnancy;

(d) Train groups of women in rural areas to be midwives so they can assist during labor with the basic medical procedures;

3. *Further recommends* Member States to fully expand of the Purchase for Progress Program (P4P) in areas where agriculture is a fundamental source of income with the purpose of promote effective solutions that are culturally accepted as well as environmentally conscious and economically sustainable;

4. *Strongly encourages* governments to empower women and implement the action taken by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) by promoting access to agricultural credit loans and enforcement of agricultural technology;

5. *Further encourages* Member States to provide expertise on technological, managerial, and medical subject matters concerning rural women in small communities based on passed experiences to lesser developed countries;

6. *Requests* governments to implement environmentally conscious methods and the actions of the United Nations Convention to Counter Desertification (UNCCD) that provide aid to rural women in domestic affairs in order to maximize productive time and security.

Passed, Yes: 32 / No: 24 / Abstain: 20