



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

SUBMITTED TO: The Third Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Portugal, France, Netherlands

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1 *Observing* that while many Member States have signed the Convention for the
2 Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), ratification is a necessary step
3 to ensuring that the policies are integrated into national legislation,
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5 *Having examined* the work of groups such as the Gender Equality Commission,
6 which provides for equal opportunities for women in the workforce, in particular
7 advocating each member state to adopt a similar commission to oversee domestic equality
8 between women and men,
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10 *Confident* in the work of General Assembly Resolution 63/311, which advocates
11 for the consolidation of the office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and
12 Advancement of Women, the Division for the Advancement of Women, the United
13 Nations Development Fund for Women, and the United Nations International Research
14 and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, will bring the necessary
15 consolidation for most far reaching aims,
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17 *Noting with satisfaction* General Assembly resolution 62/206 that recognizes
18 women's contributions in development and their underrepresentation in political and
19 economic decisions, Recalling the principles enshrined in the African Commission on
20 Human and Peoples Rights, focusing on the right to participation in the political and
21 decision-making process as outlined in Article 9,
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23 *Deeply concerned* at the effects of market liberalization which may deepen the
24 marginalization of women in agriculture, thus advocating that rural women pursue
25 political office at the local, regional, and state levels as a viable alternative,
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27 *Welcoming* Member States who have committed .7% of their GDP to UN
28 operations, which include humanitarian efforts, and recognizing it as essential to the
29 realization of the aforementioned goals,
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31 1. *Calls upon* Member States that already have not done so, to ratify and sign the

32 Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Woman (CEDAW);

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34 2. *Strengthens* the optional protocol and committee, expanding the scope of
35 discussion and referring as necessary and at the discretion of the committee the most
36 severe cases to the General Assembly;

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38 3. *Endorses* the creation of a gender equality committee within each state, initially
39 comprised of representatives from willing NGO's, then successively transferred to the
40 administration of regional actors;

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42 4. *Further reminds* States that consolidation of the bodies mentioned in resolution
43 63/311 will not infringe upon their individual goals, but rather further their influence and
44 allow for mutually beneficial dialog;

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46 5. *Calls* for a yearly review to be submitted to the secretary general on the goals
47 and accomplishments of the consolidated body to ensure the protection of the
48 fundamental principals of the founding institutions;

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50 6. *Emphasizes* that underrepresentation of women in government is detrimental to
51 the pursuit of gender equality:

52 (a) Endorses the establishment of regional centers for the specific purpose of
53 educating women on the structure of the political system;

54 (b) To be funded by the maintenance of states .7% of Gross Domestic Product to
55 the Official Development Assistance;

56 (c) Mainstreaming these teachings into compulsory public education for future
57 generations of women;

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59 7. *Draws attention to* the evolving global markets in agriculture which are
60 lessening the opportunities for small scale contributions by women;

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62 8. *Considers* microfinancing specifically for women who wish to pursue politics,
63 in order to provide themselves and their families with the additional income necessary to
64 allow them to to extend themselves beyond the domestic realm;

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66 9. *Recommends* Member States to expand suffrage in their countries in order to
67 increase participation and the entrance of women to public life;

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69 10. *Further reminds* Member States that increasing the prevalence of women in
70 political office would provide advocates for women suffering from the devastating effects
71 of violence and aggression, who would otherwise be unheard in male dominated
72 governments.

Passed, Yes: 39 / No: 30 / Abstain: 25