



American Model United Nations
Third Committee

GA 3rd/II/4

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

SUBMITTED TO: The Third Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Italy, Canada, China, United Kingdom, United States of America, France, Germany, Brazil

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1 *Recalling* the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action drafted in 1995 and
2 emphasizing solutions to the problem of gender disparity and Article 14 of the Convention on the
3 Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against women which highlights the struggle of
4 women in rural areas, as well as the Beijing +5 Conference which advocated increased
5 investment in microfinance projects to empower women in developing countries,

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7 *Reaffirming* the tenets of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, including the
8 elimination of gender disparity,

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10 *Additionally reaffirming* the vital role, which women play in breaking the cycle of
11 extreme poverty as exhibited in the recent success of microcredit projects such as the Grameen
12 Bank,

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14 *Recognizing* the responsibility of the individual Member States as well as the
15 international community to continue such projects to empower women in their communities,

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17 *Additionally recognizing* the need for all member states to put forth a serious effort to
18 meet the goal of 50/50 gender balance within the United Nations system as well as within the
19 political systems of each individual member state,

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21 *Deeply concerned by* the continued exploitation of women in rural areas through directed
22 acts of violence, human trafficking, as well as economic disfranchisement,

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24 *Guided by* the principle established by the United Nations Millennium Declaration in its
25 declaration of September 2000 and reiterated by the General Assembly in its resolution 62/186
26 (2008) of 31 January 2008, namely that all member states must cooperate in an expanded global
27 partnership for development to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by the desired year
28 of 2015,

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30 1. *Urges* all States to support a renewed effort to combat rural poverty by investing in the
31 women in these areas by:

32 (a) Dedicating a significant percent of their official development assistance to projects,
33 which train and educate women and girls in rural areas including a substantial effort to train new

34 female teachers in developing countries;
35 (b) Supporting the development of mobile educational units to deliver equitable access to
36 education for marginalized populations of women in rural areas;
37 (c) Providing free lunch programs for children and proper sanitation for girls at rural
38 schools;
39 (d) Expanding the availability of microcredit loans and similar venture projects to allow
40 individual women and groups of women to start up their own businesses and then pay back the
41 loans with their profits so that more women can be empowered;
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43 2. *Calls for* a partnership between the Global North and the Global South to allow the
44 creation and maintenance of an online open source textbook project which would greatly reduce
45 the costs of education in developing countries as well as enable local, female teachers to access
46 and contribute to this academic content;
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48 3. *Requests* that all States work to increase the access of healthcare services to women in
49 rural areas by supporting traveling medical teams and other mobile sources of healthcare to reach
50 women in these isolated regions;
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52 4. *Urges* all member states to work in partnership with the World Health Organization
53 as well as other local, state and international NGOs to create health facilities in all member
54 nations, specifically in rural areas, that are equipped to deal with women's health issues and for
55 these women to have easy access to them;
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57 5. *Condemns* violence against women in all forms and strongly encourages all member
58 states to fully realize the value of women being equal to that of men and being central to the
59 development of their respective States;
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61 6. *Strongly urges* Member States that have not yet ratified the Convention on the
62 Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) to do so without delay
63 and those who have ratified to further implement the goals of the convention through those laws
64 already in place in their respective regions;
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66 7. *Further Recommends* that the scope of the CEDAW Committee be expanded to allow
67 the committee to refer severely deadlocked issues to the General Assembly for additional
68 discussion;
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70 8. *Reminds* all states of their responsibility under the United Nations Charter to comply
71 with all relevant United Nations resolutions on this matter.

Passed, Yes: 45 / No: 33 / Abstain: 24