

American Model United Nations **Third Committee** 

GA 3rd/II/8

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:	Improvement of the Situation of Women in Rural Areas
SUBMITTED TO:	The Third Committee
SUBMITTED BY:	Zimbabwe, Burkino Faso, Senegal, Venezuela, Tunisia, Jordan, Lebanon, Somalia

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*Recognizing* the moral obligation of all Member States, the international community and civil society to the elimination of abject poverty, systems of exploitation and the provision of health services to disadvantaged peoples,

*Further recognizing* the various initiatives Member States have participated in and discussed aimed at the end of abject poverty, increasing in basic health care opportunities and the empowerment of the downtrodden as previously articulated at the World Conference on Human Rights, the International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit for Social Development and the World Conference for Health and Education and the Empowerment as outlined in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and at the 2005 World Summit,

*Understanding* the various motivations and interests that donor countries have when making aid commitments,

*Recognizing* the various types of foreign aid—including but not limited to aid for education programs, health programs and/or political support,

*Further recognizing* that political disputes between donor and recipient countries should not affect the moral commitments to poverty alleviation, provision of health care and empowerment,

*Deeply concerned* with the mis-use of foreign aid by state and non-state actors who do not hold the best interest of those who need the various health and education program,

*Further concerned by* the use of foreign aid, for health and education programs, by state actors as a political tool and not in the interest of those peoples who need it,

Reaffirming the international commitments in the field of social development and

to gender equality,

*Recognizing* the success of de-politicized fund pools such as those used by the OECD countries,

*Welcoming* the contribution by Member States, the international community and civil society to the global Campaign to empower disadvantaged groups, bearing in mind that a people-centered approach to social and economic development is fundamental for protecting and empowering individuals and communities,

1. *Expresses* its hopes for the ongoing partnerships between stakeholders at all levels to address the multifaceted determinant of poverty alleviation and the commitments announced at the 2008 high-level event on the Millennium Development Goals to accelerate progress on millennium development goals;

2. *Encourages* the separation of foreign aid—including but not limited to aid for education programs, health programs and/or political support;

3. *Further encourages* also the debate and resolution of political dispute through the appropriate venues and spaces available;

4. *Discourages* the use of foreign aid aimed at education and health programs as a political tool;

5. *Encourages* the use and creation of other de-politicized fund pools such as the one created by the OECD countries;

6. *Calls upon* Member States to utilize the various organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations systems, within their respective mandates, to transmit aid donations such as The World Health Organization(WHO), The World Food Program (WFP) and The United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF).

Passed, Yes: 41 / No: 18 / Abstain: 32