



American Model United Nations

Commission on Sustainable Development

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Sustainable agriculture and rural development

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Sustainable Development

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1 *Recognizing* that aid and foreign assistance constitute a major source of financial
2 support in the pursuit of better sustainable agriculture and rural development,

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4 *Noting* that aid volatility undermines efforts of developing states to achieve long
5 term development plans,

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7 *Further* noting the tendency of donor states to fall short on their promises of aid
8 and financial support,

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10 *Guided* by the commitments and recommendations articulated in the 2008
11 Political Declaration on Africa's Development needs as well as those reached by the
12 Steering Group's on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

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14 *Reaffirming* that an important aspect of sustainable development is moving states
15 away from reliance on aid in the first place and towards economic independence,

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17 *Concerned* by the lack of communication and coordination between existing aid
18 organizations and projects,

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20 *Bearing* in mind that high levels of debt are damaging to developing states both
21 because they are ongoing source of tension and because they limit the ability of those
22 countries to receive aid or assistance,

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24 1. *Identifies* a three pronged approach to the issue of aid volatility:
25 (a) increasing donor accountability;
26 (b) increased use of regional bodies to coordinate aid disbursement and increase
27 recipient accountability;
28 (c) debt forgiveness;

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30 2. *Requests* that donor nations that find themselves in such a position that they are
31 unable to meet their previous aid promises to:

32 (a) Inform recipient states so that long term goals can be adjusted, to reflect the
33 current monetary situation;

34 (b) Considered lowering their donation amount, to a level that they consider
35 acceptable to their current situation, so that recipient states are not as

36 drastically affected;

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38 3. *Further requests* that the oversight of such arrangements between donor and
39 recipient states be placed under the purview of regional bodies like the South African
40 Development Community (SADC), Economic Community of West African States
41 (ECOWAS) and Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) with the intent that
42 these bodies will communicate with each other to increase accountability within recipient
43 member states;

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45 4. *Urges* the use of regional bodies to ensure that all aid and financial assistance
46 is used in equitable, efficient ways;

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48 5. *Recommends* that the focus move away from aid dependency towards
49 promoting sustainable development and economic growth through:

50 (a) Development of small businesses that may continue to grow and seek profit
51 without aid;

52 (b) Increase the volume of micro-loans and micro-grants given to nations,
53 communities and individuals to spur local business;

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55 6. *Supports* the existing process for the rescheduling or cancellation of debt,
56 especially in cases where states demonstrate financial need to the extent that development
57 plans are hindered by high levels of debt.

Passed, Yes: 20 / No: 6 / Abstain: 11