



American Model United Nations

## General Assembly Second Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Second Committee

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1        *Reaffirming* the goals and objectives set forth by the United Nations Millennium  
2 Development Goals in resolution 55/2 (2000) to support development,

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4        *Recognizing* that access to markets, the ability to trade, and the development of  
5 modern energy, communication, and transportation infrastructure are fundamental to the  
6 growth and success of a Member State economy,

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8        *Acknowledging* the goals and sentiments expressed at the International Ministerial  
9 Conference on Transit Transport Cooperation in Almaty, Kazakhstan 25, August 2003  
10 with particular reference to the need to develop economical transit systems in landlocked  
11 and transit developing countries,

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13        *Noting* the right of countries to their national security with special attention to:

- 14            (a) Transit of weapons,  
15            (b) Drug Smuggling,  
16            (c) Human Trafficking,

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18        *Emphasizing* the importance of regional cooperation in bringing nations together and  
19 facilitating the free flow of trade,

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21        *Considering* the vast untapped resources, including but not limited to people, ideas,  
22 culture, and natural resources of developing countries,

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24        *Celebrating* the cooperation of Member States and international organizations  
25 working to improve economic conditions across the globe,

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27        *Recognizing* modernization of approaches offers a way forward to real progress

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28 towards developmental goals and reducing poverty,

30 1. *Recommends* that United Nations Member States use existing regional bodies to  
31 assess the particular infrastructural needs of participating States in order to facilitate  
32 access to markets and the movement of goods within a state, or across national borders;  
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34 2. *Recognizes* that transit countries, in the exercise of their full sovereignty over their  
35 territory, have the right to take all measures necessary to ensure that the rights, facilities,  
36 and services provided to transport countries in no way infringe upon their legitimate  
37 interests;  
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39 3. *Urges* that the agreements made within regional bodies include provisions for  
40 landlocked Member States to access neighboring States transportation infrastructure at  
41 the same costs incurred by domestic users;  
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43 4. *Requests* that regional organizations coordinate with national governments and the  
44 international community to ensure that materials crossing national borders are of legal  
45 nature through the implementation of practices including, but not limited to, the  
46 following:

- 47 (a) Internationally overseen customs inspections;
  - 48 (b) Creation of a list of prohibited substances;
  - 49 (c) Tamper proof shipping containers;
  - 50 (d) Shared comprehensive manifests of materials being shipped trans-nationally;
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52 6. *Suggests* that United Nations Member States provide favorable terms for the  
53 purchase of intellectual property and materials for the purposes of improving  
54 infrastructure and the assurance of safe and legal trade across national borders;  
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56 7. *Promotes* the use of private sector funding in conjunction with international  
57 developmental assistance to acquire necessary funds at favorable terms to quickly begin  
58 implementation of locally and regionally tailored versions of the aforementioned  
59 initiatives;  
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61 8. *Encourages* donor, service providing, and material providing nations to consider  
62 accepting alternative methods of payment;  
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64 9. *Suggests* the use of proven revenue generating techniques to help defray costs  
65 associated with the construction and maintenance of domestic transportation  
66 infrastructure such as, but not limited to, toll roads and bridges;  
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68 10. *Recommends* that regional organizations tasked with supervising and mediating  
69 these efforts consider the use of minimal transit fees, of a size not large enough to cause a  
70 significant reduction in access to transportation, be used to help fund security and  
71 infrastructural improvements;  
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73 11. *Further recommends* that all efforts undertaken as a result of this initiative be

76 subject to stringent reporting, transparency, and accountability standards especially with  
77 reference to the construction of new infrastructure and improvements to said  
78 infrastructure as well as the economic impacts of these initiatives on local, national, and  
79 regional economic conditions;

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81 12. *Advocates* that the United Nations, regional organizations, and other pertinent  
82 bodies work with States to address regional situations where States are unable to come to  
83 an agreement allowing for the transit of trade across and through borders, or when  
84 political situations result in the cessation of preexisting access, through and all  
85 appropriate, legal, means with the utmost care to respect the rights of the involved States;

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87 13. *Urges* and strongly supports the regular meeting of a regional multilateral  
88 conference, consisting of all nations within their respective region, to address the progress  
89 of efforts taken thus far and further opportunities for development of transportation  
90 infrastructure in order to meet the goals set forth in the Millennium Development Goals  
91 and the goals of the Almaty Declaration and its mid-term review goals.

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93 14. *Requests* research on technology of transportation infrastructure for individual  
94 countries and nations in order to:

95 (a) Establish a pilot program that implements such technology as research;

96 (b) Educates individuals on such technology only after the success of the pilot  
97 program.

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Passed, Yes: 60 / No: 16 / Abstain: 18