



American Model United Nations  
**General Assembly Plenary**

GA/2/I/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Science and technology for development

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary

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1           *Emphasizing* that science and technology are integral to a human-centered  
2 approach to reaching the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015 and  
3 sustainable development well into the future,  
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5           *Noting* that sustainable development requires a customized and state-led approach  
6 through building the capacity of states to incorporate the latest scientific findings and  
7 technologies into national planning across critical economic and public service sectors,  
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9           *Fully recognizing* that education is required to create the skilled population  
10 necessary to apply technological-best-practices to state conditions in order to formulate  
11 indigenous solutions and to support sustainable development,  
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13           *Firmly believing* that financing in the form of Official Development Assistance  
14 (ODA) is a necessary requirement to help fund infrastructure, education, and broader  
15 capacity-building efforts,  
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17           *Recognizing* the fundamental role that Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) plays in  
18 enhancing infrastructure development,  
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20           *Deeply convinced* that education in science and technology must be opened up to  
21 women and minorities to empower our most vulnerable populations by enabling a  
22 technical capacity in the developing world's most desperate conditions,  
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24           *Recognizes* the integral role that agriculture plays in fueling self-sufficiency in the  
25 developing world, particularly in the form of green technology,  
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27           *Reaffirming* resolutions E/2009/8 of 24 July 2009, 60/1 of 24 October 2005,  
28 62/201 of 29 February 2008, 64/212 of 21 December 2009, and 65/1 of 22 September  
29 2010 for recognizing that a multilateral effort is required to strengthen developing state-  
30 owned educational and research capacities that include women and minorities,  
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32           *Noting with approval* resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012 for emphasizing the  
33 ability to use and build off existing technologies as critical for developing nations to  
34 bridge the technological divide and enable sustainable development,  
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36           *Supporting* the need for intellectual property rights, as outlined in the Trade

40 Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement,

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42 *Convinced* that a rigid implementation of TRIPS will obstruct the transfer of  
43 technology to developing and least developed states,

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45 1. *Strongly affirms* that the TRIPS regime cannot be allowed to impede the  
46 development goals of developing and least developed states, presenting yet another added  
47 burden in the face of developing states;

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49 2. *Urges* Member States to reject TRIPS-plus restrictions and fully support  
50 existing TRIPS flexibilities to help the developing world bridge the technological divide  
51 and incorporate these capabilities into their central planning for sustainable state-owned  
52 solutions to their specific development challenges;

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54 3. *Endorses* enhanced multilateral efforts for information-sharing of best practices  
55 used to promote science, technology, and research endeavors, ultimately helping to build  
56 a stronger educational foundation in developing and least developed states:

57 (a) using technology already available, we encourage a global effort to provide  
58 internet access to school-aged children in all developing nations;

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60 4. *Encourages* Member States to live up to their official development assistance  
61 (ODA) commitments and conclude only concessional financing arrangements that  
62 broadly build the capacities of developing nations, ultimately rendering them attractive  
63 candidates for greater and better negotiated foreign direct investments (FDI);

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65 5. *Recommends* that States prioritize directing funding toward developing  
66 sustainable agricultural practices in the form of green technology in the developing and  
67 developed world;

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69 6. *Calls upon* Member States to ensure that development assistance is directed  
70 toward fulfilling a human-centered approach, one that is cognizant of the needs of those  
71 most vulnerable, to sustainable development through multilateral cooperation both  
72 regionally and globally.

Passed, Yes: 65 / No: 18 / Abstain: 17