



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Second Committee

GA Second/I/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Science and Technology for Development

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Second Committee

The Second Committee,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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62 5. *Recommends* that states prioritize directing funding toward developing
63 sustainable agricultural practices in the form of green technology in the developing and
64 developed world;

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

Passed, Yes: 64 / No: 19 / Abstain: 25