

American Model United Nations

Commission on Social Development

CSocD/I/5 SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Status of the World Programme of Action for Youth SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Social Development The Commission on Social Development, 1 Recalling that Member States have a crucial role in addressing the needs and 2 aspirations of youth, 3 4 Addressing that youth employment is important to the abolition of global 5 economic crises, 6 7 Taking into account the potential for global youth to contribute to their respective 8 economies by working for appropriate compensation and participating as a consumer, 9 10 Considering that such jobs and economic participation also benefit the individual 11 youth, their family, and the entire community and nation, 12 13 Acknowledging that youth aged 15-24 are the largest age demographic on the 14 globe and thus warrant attention to their collective economic needs, 15 16 *Recognizing* that youth development as quantified by the Youth Development 17 Index correlates distinctly and precisely with a nation's income, as well as with overall 18 human development as measured by the Human Development Index, 19 20 Believing, based on the aforementioned established clauses, that youth 21 employment will further state development and the quality of life for all peoples, 22 23 Fully aware of the challenges affecting countries of various degrees of economic 24 development, 25 26 Based upon recent United Nations precedent, including the internationally agreed 27 upon Millennium Development Goals and the World Program of Action for Youth, 28 29 1. Supports the short-term existence of domestic public works projects to rapidly 30 decrease unemployment while building infrastructure to allow future domestic growth, 31 while: 32 (a) Labor jobs are available through public works projects to youth of any skill 33 level in order to provide real job experience;

(b) Public works projects allow for the construction of physical infrastructure

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including roads, parks, and other necessary public goods;

2. Looks favorably upon the implementation of domestic micro-financing to fund youth entrepreneurial endeavors to foster long-term job growth;

3. *Recommends* the creation of domestic governmental organizations focused on youth job placement to alleviate both unemployment and underemployment by connecting youth to potential employers based on their individual skill sets, as seen in similar systems such as that in place in Germany including the:

(a) Micro-financing relating to the giving of loans to youth willing and able to create their own businesses;

(b) Focus on domestic funding to avoid loss of state sovereignty;

(c) Inclusion of valuable skill sets to be taught in the classroom;

(d) Vocational education to provide direct job training, apprenticeships, and internships and allow youth to proceed directly into the work force.

Passed by consensus, with 1 abstention