



American Model United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Post 2015 MDG Agenda

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic Commission for Africa

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1 *Noting with concern* the significant gender inequality that persists on the African
2 continent,

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4 *Recognizing* the extensive connection between these environmental factors and
5 the health and rights of women.

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7 *Acknowledging* the connection between women's rights, environmental
8 sustainability and the Millennium Development Goals, particularly after 2015;

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10 *Reaffirming* the Cairo Consensus acknowledging reproductive rights as a
11 fundamental human right,

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13 *Recalling* the Beijing Conference on Population and Development and the 1995
14 Fourth World Conference on Women to reaffirm that reproductive rights are indeed a
15 fundamental human right,

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17 *Acknowledging* United Nations Treaty Monitoring Bodies (TMBs) decision that
18 the issue of reproductive rights falls within its purview,

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20 *Recalling* the change in fertility patterns are associated with girls and women's
21 education, availability of reproductive health information and services, upholding and
22 protecting reproductive rights, opportunities for integration into the labor market and
23 socioeconomic development,

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25 *Considering* how many women work in agricultural faculties and gather water,

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27 *Conveying* the importance of the conclusions drawn by the Population Reference
28 Bureau on the relation of water toxins to increased malaria susceptibility in pregnant
29 women and their children,

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31 *Emphasizing* rapid population growth exacerbates pressures on ecosystem and
32 natural resources, demobilizes the management of land and water resources, and degrades
33 the chances of achieving a more equitable distribution of energy, particularly in urban
34 areas,

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36 1. *Urges* Member States to take concerted actions to promote women's rights, in
37 specific regard to its interconnectedness with reproductive rights, population dynamics,
38 health and environmental sustainability;

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40 2. *Encourages* support for the expansion of education, primarily for women and
41 girls, while also supporting educative programs on the topic of gender inequality;

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43 3. *Recommends* the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to consult
44 individual member states to devise policy and legislative actions concerning women's
45 reproductive rights reflecting the current situation and needs of each nation;

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47 4. *Requests* the TMBs to oversee and publish annual reports on respective nations
48 adherence to the policies and legislative actions implemented through the above
49 recommendation;

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51 5. *Encourages* African Nations within the United Nations Development
52 Programme to pursue completion of the following goals:

- 53 (a) Increased education for women and girls;
54 (b) Gender equality programming and family planning;
55 (c) Adoption of environmentally sustainable technology, specifically pertaining to
56 improved access to clean water;
57 (d) Distribute proper equipment for women and men working with hazardous
58 chemicals for their own safety, as well as proper education on said equipment's use;

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60 6. *Requests* the United Nations Environmental Program to update its Global
61 Resource Information Database to include Women's Environmental Impact Index;

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63 7. *Further Requests* that the Commission on Information and Accountability for
64 Women's and Children's Health, using local venues, such as health centers, primary
65 education facilities, and local markets, to distribute educative materials on the risks of
66 toxic and polluted local water sources, such as the impact of toxins on:

- 67 (a) Childbirth mortality rate;
68 (b) Breastfeeding;
69 (c) Increased disease susceptibility;

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71 8. *Urges* all Member States to continue maintaining balanced economic efforts to
72 meet the six pillars of the Common African Position passed by the African Union which
73 includes:

- 74 (a) Structural economic transformation;
75 (b) Science, technology, and innovation;
76 (c) People centered development;
77 (d) Environmental sustainability;
78 (e) Peace and security;
79 (f) Finance and Partnership;

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81 9. *Further urges* the utilization of gender mainstreaming in all aforementioned
82 policies and programs prior to their implementation;
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84 10. *Recommends* the United Nations Environment Programme and the United
85 Nations Development Programme work closely to identify and recommend solutions to
86 environmental deficiencies caused by energy-commodity based Multi-National
87 Corporations that have a unique effect on employment opportunities for women;
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89 11. *Requests* the United Nations Environmental Programme to update its Global
90 Resource Information Database to include the Environmental and Gender Index,
91 calculated according to a weighted 100 point scale based on 27 criteria pertaining to
92 gender and the environment;
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94 12. *Also urges* the strengthening of measures regarding halting the expansion of
95 human trafficking for the purpose of alleviating exploitation of persons in developing
96 countries, particularly female victims, with civil retribution for human trafficking victims.

Passed, Yes: 22 / No: 4 / Abstain: 2