

American Model United Nations Economic and Social Council

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development

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Recognizing that the United Nations Public and Private Alliance (UNPPA) was created to be a catalyst and facilitator for partnerships between private organizations and public governmental organizations,

Noting that a public-private alliance for rural development can ameliorate development in both small rural businesses and agriculture,

Concerned by the prevalence of global poverty in rural regions, in particular in the context of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Post-2015 Development Agenda,

Recognizing that a lack of infrastructure in rural areas contributes to poverty and inhibits development,

Observing that lack of access to technology and basic services prevents societal advancement,

Convinced of the important role that multilateral programs play in states with limited involvement from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs),

Aiming to increase awareness of the benefits of private and public alliances for economic development,

Recognizing the successes and potential for expansion of the African Clean Energy Corridor in the implementation of renewable energy in Africa through a synergy of governments, regional bodies, United Nations agencies, the International Renewable Energy Agency, international financial institutions and the private sector including the Copperbelt Energy Corporation and Enel,

Welcoming the consideration of willing States to support the development of rural communities,

Affirming that all development be environmentally friendly,

- 1. Encourages the expansion of the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (UNPPA) to further implement pilot programs in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) based on the UNPPA pilot programs undertaken in Madagascar and the Dominican Republic;
- 2. Calls upon the UNPPA to identify, highlight and promote the best practices learned through pilot states for development and information dissemination;
- 3. Recommends Member States volunteer to become pilot states to enable the expansion of the UNPPA's Pilot Programs;
- 4. Calls upon the UNPPA Pilot Programs to expand on the following criteria of LDC's: electronic communications, using renewable resources, agricultural development, aquaculture development, protection for local areas from natural resource depletion and land degradation;
 - 5. Requests the Secretariat to allocate funds for the purpose of hiring trained advisors to:
 - (a) Promote the planning of new and current Private and Public Alliance program projects;
 - (b) Identify financing opportunities for pilot programs;
 - (c) Ensure that private companies and State governments pay close attention to where funds are distributed in order to combat corruption;
- 6. Calls upon pilot programs to develop Public-Private Alliances for the development of infrastructure in LDCs that target environmental protection and resource sustainability;

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- 7. Urges that the UNPPA's pilot programs pair with current approved private environmental companies for 35 the development of clean energy such as solar, wind and hydraulic energy systems in rural areas with a focus on 36 companies that have strong track records of environmental awareness; 37
- 38 8. Recommends that the economic profits made from pilot programs are reinvested into public sector development and would, for instance: 39
 - (a) Establish public participation through education;
 - (b) Provide resources for impoverished citizens in order to obtain access to jobs;
 - (c) Empower local businesses in communities through policy legislation;
- 9. Encourages the UNPPA to submit biannual reports to the Economic and Social Council as a monitoring 43 system for the pilot programs; 44
 - 10. Further Recommends UNPPA educates small business owners about:
 - (a) Sustainable business practices;
 - (b) Market access;

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- (c) Empowerment to become major players in the economy;
- (d) Sustainable farming practices in areas where agriculture is the focus of the economy;
- (e) Sustainable industrialization practices;
- 11. Suggests Member States partner with NGOs for the expansion of Private-Public Relations for Rural Development through the creation of timelines on how long the NGOs will have influence in the country; 52
- 12. Confirms that the NGOs will be working to empower the citizens to have a larger role in their own 53 economy;
 - 13. Affirms that transparency is key in public and private alliances;
- 14. Encourages private companies and NGOs concerning agribusiness, microfinance, rural infrastructure 56 development and other pertinent topics approach the UNPPA for help in facilitating their alliances. 57

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