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American Model United Nations General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Outcome document of the Special Event to follow-up efforts made

towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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Guided by the desire to improve the quality of education for students globally,

2 Acknowledging the ability of increased education to improve the economies and governmental independence 3 of Member States,

Recognizing the incomplete success of the current Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in some areas,

Attempting to further address the MDGs of improving access to education and eradication of poverty,

Looking for a unique solution that differs from those in the current Millennium Development Goals,

Affirming current similar programs such as the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) program funded by Germany to be used as a guideline for the International Scholarship Fund (ISF) selection process,

Keeping in mind the expiration of the MDGs and pensively looking forward on how to best improve education, an issue that many member states agree is of utmost importance,

Recalling that developing nations may lack the capacity in academic institutions to provide a world-class education,

Observing the ambition of many citizens to contribute and positively impact their respective nations,

Recognizing that cultural exchange may provide unique opportunities to build understanding between youth from developed and developing nations,

- 1. Recommends wider use of student exchange programs to provide higher quality education to youth from developing nations;
- 2. Requests the formation of an International Scholarship Fund (ISF) by the secretariat with the purpose of facilitating undergraduate and trade studies in foreign countries to promote a higher cultural and academic understanding from students across ethnicities and backgrounds;
- 3. *Encourages* the voluntary donation of funds to the ISF from a variety of sources, including willing member states and Non-governmental Organizations for the purpose of establishing scholarship funds;
- 4. Authorizes the selection process be delegated to the ISF with the goal of seeking individuals of exemplary academic background and ambition with weight given to underserved nations and demographics;
- 5. *Invites* the ISF to promote cultural exchange and ample higher learning opportunities with an emphasis on humanitarian work for individuals;
 - 6. Recommends preference to academically-motivated students who display a strong desire to return to their nation of origin after their academic and cultural studies: to advance and promote education within their respective state;
- 7. Calls Upon the ISF to identify students, depending on which program is most effective for their nation's needs and growth, to attend for either:
 - (a) one academic year;
- 33 (b) four academic years;
- 34 (c) trade school.

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