



American Model United Nations
Commission on the Status of Women

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on the Status of Women

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1 *Reaffirming* the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against
2 Women, which calls for equal rights for men and women in rural areas,

3 *Further reaffirming* the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which states that the rights of
4 women should be the same as men,

5 *Recalling* previous reports of the Commission on the Status of Women that call attention to the empowerment
6 of rural women and girls as part of addressing the global challenge of poverty,

7 *Reaffirming* the United Nation's 2014 Gender Equality and Sustainable Development conclusions, especially
8 in regards to the roles women may take in developing more sustainable farming techniques, energy and food sources
9 given the educational and career opportunities necessary to influence such changes,

10 *Further Reaffirming* the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal 3, especially its focus on the existing
11 disparities between the educational levels of women and men, as well as the disadvantages women face pertaining to
12 career advancement,

13 *Reminding* the committee of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 2, which stresses that all
14 humans are entitled to the same rights regardless of race or gender,

15 *Further reminding* the committee of the 2004 Commission on the Status of Women Conclusions, especially
16 Conclusions 1 and 6, both of which stress that women are protected by law and by birth from discrimination and
17 from being stripped of the rights given to all men and women,

18 *Noting with approval* the sentiments of Chinese Ambassador Liu Jieyi in regards to member nations taking
19 responsibility for empowering women for the benefit of women and society as a whole,

20 *Recognizing* that women are still paid less and have fewer opportunities for career advancement than men
21 within a myriad of Member States,

22 1. *Recommends* the facilitation of a higher degree of access to primary and secondary education for females
23 in rural areas, including but not limited to:

24 (a) Subsidized primary and secondary education nationwide;

25 (b) Employment training that includes sustainable production techniques specialized for women,
26 particularly in agricultural sectors, simultaneously furthering development in their countries;

27 (c) Government collaboration with other world, national and private organizations to create easily
28 accessible and affordable educational and vocational programs for rural women in particular;

29 2. *Encourages* all Member States to modify existing legislation and government-led programs which limit
30 the rights of women as necessary to achieve greater gender equality with the focus on:

31 (a) Member States reaffirming their commitment to the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for
32 Action, especially lines 8, 9, 15, 19, 21 and 27, all of which state that the rights of women should be the same as the
33 rights of men;

34 (b) Endowing women with equal opportunities to participate in not only legislative and governmental
35 activities, but also private economic sectors within the capacity of each nation, yielding a reduction in current gender

36 gaps within political systems through the establishment of a committee that addresses the issue of disproportionate
37 representation of women in domestic political structure;

38 (c) Effectively and comprehensively consulting the Handbook for Legislation for Violence against
39 Women on issues of domestic violence and oppression;

40 3. *Requests* national governments work in conjunction with independent and world organizations as well as
41 private organizations to financially support working plans pertaining to gender equality;

42 4. *Encourages* collaboration with the Associated Country Women of the World, World Health Organization,
43 International Monetary Fund and/or the UN Women's Fund for Gender Inequality to provide the funds to initiate
44 media, educational and political programs aimed at empowering rural women and ending violence against rural
45 women, including but not limited to expansion of existing programs such as the Beyond Zero Campaign and The
46 Dreams Network, with a focus on:

47 (a) Increasing and improving access to health care in rural areas for women;

48 (b) The provision of doctors in more rural areas;

49 5. *Encourages* the careers of rural women in any sector of their choice, including but not limited to:

50 (a) Microfinance institutions that can be accessed through microfinance loans to enable rural women
51 professionally;

52 (b) Capitalizing on the natural resources available in rural areas;

53 (c) Providing rural women with necessary skills to flourish in modern markets.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions