



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Second Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Women in development

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Second Committee

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1 *Recognizing* that increased integration and empowerment of women in the global workforce would spur a
2 significant global GDP increase,

3 *Being aware* of the broad range of issues facing women worldwide as prerequisites to economic engagement,
4 including systemic poverty, the phenomena of "pink collared" jobs, employment discrimination, gender based violence,
5 lack of access to resources and services men might have,

6 *Noting with regret* that the World Bank has recently adjusted the world poverty line, which has artificially
7 lowered the number of people in poverty,

8 *Alarmed* by the inability of women to own land or find adequate housing, which prevents economic mobility
9 for a large number of women,

10 *Keeping in mind* that, in the status quo, men have higher yields that are 20 to 30 percent when compared
11 to women in small farming,

12 *Understanding* the importance of adequate health and housing services for women to promote their success
13 in the workforce,

14 *Acknowledging* the diverse beliefs held by each country in the forms of tradition, constitutions and laws,

15 *Reaffirming* the Sustainable Development Goals 4, 5, 8, 10 and 17 to foster a comprehensive and effective
16 public policy,

17 *Emphasizing* that representation within all levels of government helps women advance socially, politically,
18 and economically, because when women govern then women's issues are given the attention they deserve,

19 *Noting* the importance of non-remunerated work, including unpaid care and domestic work, which plays an
20 essential role in improving well-being in the household and in the functioning of an economy as a whole,

21 *Acknowledging* that gender equality and the empowerment of rural and indigenous women along with the
22 full and equal participation and leadership of the same in their economies are essential for achieving sustainable de-
23 velopment; promoting peaceful, just and inclusive societies, enhancing sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic
24 growth and productivity, ending poverty in all its forms and ensuring the well-being of all,

25 1. *Endorses* the work of domestic programs such as the Joint Programme on Productive Patrimonial Assets
26 Building and Citizenship Programme for Women in Extreme Poverty in providing opportunities through national
27 policy change, and encourages each state to develop similar domestic programs involving:

28 (a) Providing information to increase the amount of business management opportunities for women
29 and creating entrepreneurial education programs by working with individual state governments;

30 (b) Educating women on entrepreneurship as a means of lifting women up;

31 (c) Educating women on their rights, both in the workplace and in society that include human rights
32 laid out by the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and legal rights based on that country;

33 (d) Providing housing and land ownership programs to women affected by extreme poverty;

34 2. *Strongly encourages* the implementation and adoption of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
35 database system to ensure governmental access to reliable information to:

36 (a) Ensure resources and programs are reaching women who need them, and to those who are at risk
37 of being ignored due to poor regional infrastructures included, but not limited to, indigenous and rural populations;

38 (b) Recognize the need to maintain an updated database to ensure accurate administration and
39 distribution of resources;

40 (c) Take into account that poor infrastructure is a hindrance to reaching those in the most need;

41 (d) Provide up-to-date information that gives government and non-governmental organizations the
42 tools to make better policy decisions;

43 (e) Record nations who maliciously undercount minority and/or indigenous populations in order to
44 hide systemic economic and social problems;

45 (f) Strongly calls upon all Member States of this committee to renew their membership in or join
46 the CSW;

47 3. *Further calls upon* United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (United
48 Nations Women) and the group's Strategic Plan 2018-2021, a three-tiered approach that is globally, nationally and
49 regionally responsible for:

50 (a) The monitoring of economic contributions of women worldwide to both fill gaps in data collected
51 and corroborate information with a multileveled system;

52 (b) Providing temporary housing and shelter from gender based and domestic violence to women
53 which will enter them into our system of women's developmental programs and assist them into entering the workforce
54 or education system;

55 4. *Trusts* that the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and United Nations Women Indigenous
56 Women Programme to:

57 (a) Foster connections for women in the business sector with contacts in markets through the UN
58 Women Strategic Plan 3 tier level program;

59 (b) Improve management skills through workshops supported by United Nations Women and the
60 UNDP at centers already established in Member States and Observer States;

61 (c) Establish a shared list of women operated businesses to create an internal support system of
62 women and allow greater access to the CSW database;

63 (d) Increase quality of products and materials through entrepreneurial education;

64 5. Encourages those Member States and Observer States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the
65 International Labour Organization Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169),³ to consider doing
66 so, while recalling the obligation of ratifying States under the Convention to develop coordinated and systematic
67 action to protect the economic rights of indigenous peoples.

Passed, Yes: 38 / No: 24 / Abstain: 9