

American Model United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

ECA/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Enhancing the climate resilience of Africa's infrastructure

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic Commission for Africa,

1 *Recognizing* the serious problems presented by the lack of environmentally and economically sustainable 2 agriculture in Africa,

3 Bearing in mind the importance of enhancing the climate resilient infrastructure for the future economic 4 success of African countries and peoples,

5 *Noting* the intersectionality of these problems across region, religion, and identity,

6 *Noting* the suffering caused by this surfeit of efficient agriculture,

7 *Declaring* that water scarcity is a pressing issue across Africa,

8 *Recalling* the established United Nations definition of "indigenous peoples,

9 Acknowledging the massive disparities between urban and rural community wealth,

10 *Emphasizing* the need to ameliorate these problems immediately,

1. *Recommends* the promotion and growth of the World Bank's Climate Change Knowledge Portal for 12 further use within Africa as an information sharing platform and the continued expansion of data and research on 13 sustainable agriculture;

14 2. Urges the formation of public-private partnerships to facilitate access to climate-resilient technology, 15 particularly crop seeds, which are imperative to meeting the food needs of our people for years to come;

3. Welcomes the re-adaptation of indigenous methods in combination with modern technology would promote a streamlined production of agricultural resources, seeing that the implementation of economically sustainable indigenous methods is crucial toward the resolution of these issues:

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- (a) Calls for the education of African farmers on this unique blend of old and new technology and solutions;
- (i) Recommends a scientific, comprehensive, community-sourced education be facilitated across the continent to ensure that methods are understood, applicable, and properly implemented;
- (ii) Acknowledges massive disparities between urban and rural community wealth, we encourage this
 with a focus on the empowerment of rural communities, incorporating environmental education and
 utilization of rangeland;
- 4. *Encourages* a focus on the empowerment of rural communities, incorporating environmental education and utilization of rangeland:
- (a) Notes that the aforementioned indigenous methods include food, water, and livestock preservation
 methods predate European colonization of Africa in the 19th and 20th century;
 - (b) Urges a return to these practices, cognizant that they worked for millennia;

5. Acknowledges that this is a universal problem and that it demands a universal solution that encompasses all countries, and all of their peoples;

6. *Welcomes* a modern approach that facilitates equality of access and efficiency of distribution for local farmers' interests, in light of the fact that much of the existing water infrastructure in some regions is outdated and colonially oriented; 36 7. Asks the Economic and Social Council to consider funding and promoting equitable distribution of 37 resources across the continent and within countries;

8. *Expresses* its hope that investment and aid from non-governmental organizations and international governing bodies should be utilized but monitored to ensure benefit to all.

Passed by consensus, with $0 \ \rm abstentions$