



*American Model United Nations*  
**Economic and Social Council**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

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- 1 *Recognizing* the economic sovereignty and right to self-determination of all Member States,
- 2 *Recognizing* that fair trade and labor practices help ensure that the poorest in society are provided the means
- 3 to support themselves,
- 4 *Recognizing* that infrastructure is vital towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 6, 8, 9, and
- 5 11,
- 6 *Seeking* to spread peace through the deepening of international trade,
- 7 *Urgently noting* the detrimental effects of climate change on existing infrastructure, and the positive role
- 8 that infrastructure expansion and maintenance can have in maintaining ecologically responsible behavior,
- 9 *Further noting* that increased intensity and frequency of extreme weather events due to climate change has
- 10 a substantially greater impact on impoverished citizens through the destruction of food supply and forced migration,
- 11 *Acknowledging* the essential role infrastructure plays in all economies,
- 12 *Convinced* that investment and growth of infrastructure will lead to greater prosperity,
- 13 *Recognizing* the duties laid out for the international community in the United Nations SDGs,
- 14 *Reaffirming* United Nations resolution 63/210 which stresses the importance of reliable transportation in
- 15 achieving sustainable development,
- 16 *Recognizing* the report by the World Bank titled Telecommunications and Information Services for the Poor
- 17 which states that the development of telecommunications is a key element in the reduction of poverty,
- 18 1. *Suggests* Member States to reduce tariffs and allow for more free trade:
  - 19 (a) Suggests Member States engage in the formation of Free Trade Agreements;
  - 20 (b) Work towards ensuring geographically landlocked Member States have increased access to ports
  - 21 and more markets;
- 22 2. *Suggests* Member States finance the following projects through policies such as but not limited to:
  - 23 (a) Work with the United Nations Development Program and the World Bank in developing certain
  - 24 infrastructure projects;
  - 25 (b) Working with regional banks such as but not necessarily or limited to the African Development
  - 26 Bank, and the Asian Development Bank in developing infrastructure projects;
  - 27 (c) Encouraging Member States to increase spending on energy projects;
- 28 3. *Encourages* Member States to work towards long-term transitioning to renewable energy and implementing
- 29 more eco-friendly policies:
  - 30 (a) Working with government agencies and private corporations to establish renewable energy sites
  - 31 in strategic locations within Member States;
  - 32 (b) Investing in the creation of hydroelectric energy plants;

33 (c) Training individuals who will be affected by this transition to gain employment in other sectors  
34 as well as in the maintenance and development of sustainable energy projects;

35 4. *Recommends* the creation of reliable, efficient and far-reaching electrification programs:

36 (a) Focusing on providing electricity in remote areas to help those in poverty;

37 (b) Extending electricity to industrial areas and powering factories in particular;

38 (c) Modernizing old power grids and upgrading them to modern standards;

39 5. *Encourages* the creation of new transportation networks as well as improving existing networks:

40 (a) Suggests that Member States invest in public transit networks for;

41 (i) Creating efficient public networks by constructing strategic routes for transportation including  
42 but not limited to buses, subways, and auto-rickshaws;

43 (ii) Investing in ensuring that these networks are eco-friendly;

44 (iii) Transitioning existing public transportation system as well as being more economically equitable  
45 and accessible;

46 (b) Improving the Road and Railway networks within Member States while;

47 (i) Paving and creating critical roadways and railways to points of high traffic and employment;

48 (ii) Establishing networks to allow goods to move from farms, factories and markets efficiently;

49 (iii) Encouraging the use of recycled material;

50 (iv) Investing in maintaining and improving roadways;

51 (v) Building these roads through private-public partnerships;

52 (c) Upgrading existing ports and/or building new ports in strategic locations that are able to handle  
53 large amounts of cargo;

54 6. *Suggests* the construction of comprehensive telecommunication networks to facilitate the integration of  
55 impoverished and/or isolated communities into the global economy by:

56 (a) Expanding broadband and mobile networks to remote areas and improving these broadband  
57 services to ensure better service while;

58 (i) Working with private and public telecommunications companies to establish these networks;

59 (ii) Incentivizing firms to establish these networks through methods such as but not limited to tax  
60 breaks;

61 (b) Establishing satellite internet facilities in extremely remote areas where expanding broadband  
62 services would not be possible or very prohibitively expensive;

63 7. *Recommends* Member States work towards setting up infrastructure to increase access to clean water and  
64 sanitation through:

65 (a) Directing investment towards creation of water-filtration systems;

66 (b) Encouraging Member States to take measures such as but not limited to working to improve  
67 equitable access to natural resources and protecting aquifers and the natural water table;

68 (c) Taking measures to establish sewage treatment plants to maintain and create clean water;

69 (d) Working towards improved water quality in water sources.

Passed by consensus, with 5 abstentions