



American Model United Nations
World Conference on Youth

WCY/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Empowering marginalized youth emphasizing the most at risk young people

SUBMITTED TO: The World Conference on Youth

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1 *Recalling* Article 28 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which recognizes educational rights of
2 every child,

3 *Keeping in mind* that the World Programme of Action on Youth (WPAY) identifies women and young girls
4 as a priority area,

5 *Emphasizing* the WPAY's action proposals on the priority area of women and young girls of discrimination,
6 education, health, employment and violence,

7 *Highlighting* the fact that the negative socialization of girls can lead to a lifetime of exclusion, as well as low
8 self-esteem and decreased educational opportunities,

9 *Bearing in mind* the goal of greater participation of women in politics and governance at the national,
10 regional and international levels,

11 *Taking into consideration* the World Bank study that showed additional years of school enrollment decrease
12 the risk of an unplanned pregnancy for girls and young women,

13 *Noting with regret* that 80 percent of adolescent deaths due to violence occur in girls 15 and 19 years of age,

14 *Noting with concern* that more than half of all sexual assaults worldwide take place against girls younger
15 than 16,

16 *Recognizing* the impact Title IX in the United States had on bridging the access to fair and equal education,

17 *Further concerned* that women and girls in marginalized groups are at a higher risk of experiencing negative
18 effects of such marginalization,

19 *Noting* that female youth between the ages of 15-24 are among the most negatively impacted groups in
20 regard to armed conflict,

21 *Recognizing* that employment of women is one of the quickest and most efficient ways to enrich a country
22 and improve the standard of living,

23 1. *Recommends* that a United Nations database be created by cross-referencing information in publicly
24 available databases such as Minorities At Risk (MAR), Ethnologue, the Joshua Project, and Ethnic Power Relations
25 (EPR), that would:

26 (a) Help to inform on the occurrence of genocide;

27 (b) Provide data on the presence of marginalized groups, particularly marginalized youth and young
28 women;

29 (c) Inform on where relevant bodies should focus their efforts;

30 2. *Endorses* the implementation of extracurricular programs as leadership and skill-building activities for
31 youth:

32 (a) Activities imitating professional activities and promoting life skills, such as modeling the United
33 Nations;

34 3. *Recommends* that Member States allow for active voting at age 18;

35 4. *Requests* that Member States expand education opportunities concerning young women and girls, espe-
36 cially in underserved and/or underrepresented communities including in the following settings:

37 (a) Primary, secondary, and post-secondary schooling;

38 (b) Co-curricular activities;

39 5. *Encourages* schools, both public and private, to support youth sports programs and other after-school
40 activities for women:

41 (a) Urges relevant actors to expand existing programs specifically for young women;

42 (b) Recommends the partnership between Member States and local organizations to implement these
43 programs;

44 (c) Encourages specific programs aimed at including women and young girls in Science, Technology,
45 Engineering and Math (STEM) fields;

46 6. *Urges* Member States to expand opportunities for women to enter the available workforce in the public
47 sphere:

48 (a) Invites non-governmental organizations focused on reducing child unemployment to expand ef-
49 forts with the support of the United Nations, such as Injaz Al-Arab;

50 (b) Requests the creation of a United Nations firm under the jurisdiction of Economic and Finan-
51 cial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) titled the "Working Offers to Kids Enterprise" (WOKE) that primarily focuses on
52 providing employment opportunities to underemployed or unemployed youth, which would;

53 (i) Seek economic and professional opportunities for youth between ages 15-24;

54 (ii) Prioritize impoverished families and young women that could benefit from an additional source
55 of income;

56 (iii) Act as a contractor for these youth to avoid abrupt income disruption;

57 (c) Because the unemployment of women can contribute to the cycle of poverty, this resolution will;

58 (i) Urge Member States to address the role of gender inequality within these issues;

59 (ii) Foster greater collaboration between Member States and relevant NGOs and/or governmental
60 organizations to alleviate this disparity through various frameworks, which include but are not
61 limited to;

62 A. Those already in existence (i.e. UNICEF, UN Women);

63 7. *Encourages* Member States and other relevant actors to expand scholarship programs for women to attend
64 post-secondary institutions, vocational programs, and other opportunities;

65 8. *Requests* that governments ensure safe travel for female youth to educational and vocational opportunities
66 through inclusion of security forces to deter radicalized non-state actors from terrorizing youth populations:

67 (a) This system would look different depending on the level of risk present for young women in
68 certain areas;

69 9. *Calls upon* Member States to sanction robust maternity leave programs or flexible work schedules for
70 young mothers or expecting young mothers to reduce the conflict between motherhood and vocation.

Passed, Yes: 45 / No: 8 / Abstain: 20