



American Model United Nations
World Conference on Youth

WCY/II/5

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 *Acknowledging* Security Council resolution 2250 of 9 December 2015, which conveys the urgency to enable
2 youth to participate in decision making at all governmental levels,

3 *Bearing in mind* the Secretary General's Report to the General Assembly, resolution 36/215 of 19 June 1981,
4 which defines the age of youth as 15 through 24,

5 *Recalling* the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically those addressing advancement of
6 youth engagement,

7 *Emphasizing* that youth are the future of the world,

8 *Reaffirming* the principle of state sovereignty,

9 *Recognizing* variances in cultural and religious practices,

10 *Deeply concerned* that young people are susceptible to the greatest consequences of marginalization i.e.,
11 violence, gang activity and extremist ideologies,

12 1. *Calls upon* Member States to create their own national policies and initiatives calling for youth empow-
13 erment and consisting of:

14 (a) after school programs for youth where needed;

15 (b) training regarding healthy and educationally stimulating habits specifically in forms of relation-
16 ships, i.e., mentor-ships and student clubs;

17 (c) specific measures to include representation of youth in decision-making at a local, regional and
18 national level;

19 (d) youth vocational training programs to offer skills to equip the youth to be successful within their
20 economy and abroad;

21 2. *Encourages* Member States and relevant actors to consider providing more educational scholarships to
22 youth who are marginalized;

23 3. *Calls upon* Member States to open community centers in order to foster community and national identity
24 as the biggest reason for youth joining violent groups is to feel a sense of belonging;

25 4. *Supports* a criminal justice system that emphasizes rehabilitation and the elevation of youth as to not
26 forsake their potential futures;

27 5. *Urges* that Member States use the resources provided by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and
28 Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and any other relevant actors to greater increase youth participation;

29 6. *Notes* that Member States have the discretion to reject or limit the intervention of external organizations
30 based on regional, traditional and religious customs.

Passed, Yes: 32 / No: 5 / Abstain: 12