



American Model United Nations
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

ESCWA/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Economic governance: market competition challenges in the Arab Region

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

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1 *Further requests* that the RTCs assist in several key areas for economic development, diversifi-
2 cation and sustainability,

3 *Recognizing* the establishment of the Arab Legislation Portal and other regional initiatives that
4 aim to promote market competition,

5 *Affirming* the varying economic needs of the ECSWA Member States and that implementation
6 of recommendations will differ according to these needs,

7 *Endorsing* the efforts of the Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA) as a means to promote free
8 trade amongst the Arab nations,

9 *Understanding* the need for legislation that prevents anti-competitive behavior,

10 *Recognizing* the need for economic diversification in the Arab region,

11 1. *Requests* the establishment of voluntary Regional Technical Committees (RTCs) by the United
12 Nations Economic and Social Council to disseminate specialized knowledge in collaboration with the
13 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and ESCWA:

14 (a) *Recommends* the RTCs to coordinate with regional organizations and initiatives such
15 as the League of Arab States and the Arab Legislation Portal;

16 2. *Further requests* that the RTCs assist in several key areas for economic development, diver-
17 sification and sustainability:

18 (a) *Proposes* the RTCs assist with trade facilitation, customs modernization, reducing
19 bureaucratic hurdles and the expedition of sanctions relief;

20 (b) *Proposes* that the RTCs assist digital diagnostics and governance, especially regard-
21 ing artificial intelligence (AI) and e-commerce;

22 (c) *Proposes* that the RTCs assist technical and vocational training;

23 3. *Encourages* the use of e-commerce as a path for economic growth and diversification:

24 (a) *Recommends* e-commerce as a method to prevent unregulated and unofficial trans-
25 actions;

26 (b) *Approves* a transition to e-commerce as it provides digital receipts of transactions
27 between parties;

28 4. *Recommends* Member States engage neutrally with state-owned enterprises (SOEs) and
29 small and medium-sized enterprises regarding government contracts;

30 5. *Encourages* the establishment of stronger procurement laws;

31 6. *Endorses* the involvement of the general population in participation of trade;

32 7. *Encourages* ESCWA Member States to implement regulatory policies towards SOEs to deter
33 anti-competitive behavior further;

34 8. *Recommends* that ESCWA Member States shift from oil dependency towards sustainable
35 energy development, increased tourism and technology industries:

36 (a) *Suggests* the use of renewable energy to reduce carbon emissions within the Arab
37 region;

38 (b) *Strongly affirms* that tourism is a viable industry to promote economic growth and
39 diversification.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstention