



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

GA Third/II/4

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Improvement of the situation of women and girls in rural areas

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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1 *Recalling* the 2019 Resolution on the Empowerment of Rural Women and Girls and all other pre-
2 vious resolutions on the matter,

3 *Acknowledging* the persistent structural barriers that rural women and girls face, including ac-
4 cess to medical centers, staff and education related to their own healthcare,

5 *Recognizing* how the lack of comprehensive education on medical issues facing women and
6 girls exacerbates maternal deaths, as women are often not heard or taken seriously in medical settings,

7 *Recognizing also* the importance of State sovereignty and cultural values when addressing the
8 situations of women in rural areas, as some health-related programs may work better for some cul-
9 tures over others,

10 *Deeply concerned* that maternal mortality rates in rural areas remain unacceptably high and
11 that gaps in access to quality maternal health services, nutrition support and essential healthcare
12 centers in rural areas continue to undermine rural women's health and human rights,

13 *Affirming* the World Health Organization's definition of maternal mortality as a period that ex-
14 tends through 42 days post-birth,

15 *Understanding* that the maternal mortality rate (MMR) is high for women both pre and post-
16 birth,

17 *Further understanding* the basic needs of food and water which impact maternal health at the
18 fundamental level,

19 1. *Calls* for achieving a 50 percent reduction in the MMR among rural women by 2050 and re-
20 quests that Member States adopt previously successful policies to improve the health outcomes of
21 women and girls living in rural areas, by:

22 (a) Expanding access to equitable, affordable and culturally appropriate maternal health-
23 care services, working with already existing bodies like UN Women and the United Nations Populations
24 Fund;

25 (b) Increasing the availability of skilled birth attendants and emergency obstetric care
26 by improving the quality of skill training provided;

27 (c) Strengthening accessible nutrition programs targeted at pregnant women, breast-
28 feeding mothers, adolescent girls and young children;

29 2. *Urges* States to collaborate with corresponding non-governmental organizations and United
30 Nations programs that allocate sufficient resources for the infrastructure below:

31 (a) The improvement of hospitals within rural communities, specifically hospitals focus-
32 ing on the pre and post-natal healthcare of women;

33 (b) Support for the education of medical professionals on pregnancy-related issues,
34 including cesarean-sections and giving proper prenatal care;

- 35 3. *Requests* all Member States report progress on the decreasing of the MMR through relevant
36 United Nations monitoring mechanisms;
- 37 4. *Strongly supports* the combat of brain drain through the strengthening of hospitals within
38 developing countries and through the further education of women's health in rural communities by:
- 39 (a) Improving the funding of medical centers within rural communities;
- 40 (b) Progressively increase the average wage and promoting the creation of high-value
41 employment opportunities within the medical sector;
- 42 (c) Building targeted skill-building programs in remote regions to support and retain
43 skilled local professionals, rather than concentrating opportunities solely in urban centers;
- 44 5. *Supports* the funding of education for culturally appropriate, comprehensive sex education,
45 particularly for younger women within rural areas, in cooperation with and at the request of, the Mem-
46 ber States concerned;
- 47 6. *Addresses* a root cause of maternal mortality by increasing access to food, water and basic
48 healthcare, making all available as needed within public healthcare centers within the region, working
49 again with existing United Nations bodies like the United Nations Population Fund in order to do so.

Passed, Yes: 63 / No: 0 / Abstain: 4