

American Model United Nations Commission on Population and Development

CPD/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:Adolescents and youthSUBMITTED TO:The Commission on Population and Development

The Commission on Population and Development,

Emphasizing the mission of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), which pursues the promotion and acceleration of inclusive and sustainable industrial development,

Acknowledging the importance of creating job opportunities for youth and adolescents in order to produce contributive members of society,

5 *Further acknowledging* the significance of education in equipping young individuals with skills that are in 6 high demand,

7 *Recognizing* the impact of the current COVID-19 pandemic on the decline of job opportunities currently 8 available to youth entering the labour market,

9 1. *Encourages* Member States to work directly with the private sector to provide training for youth and 10 adolescents who do not plan to further their education through the traditional means of college or university by:

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(a) focusing on vocational education in Member States that are going through industrialization;

- 12 (b) providing apprenticeships for those who do not plan to pursue a formal education;
 - (c) incorporating job-readiness skills into school curriculums;

14 2. *Endorses*, in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal 4, that Member States work to provide 15 universal access to quality secondary education, which would, in turn, combat unemployment among this population;

16 3. *Invites* Member States to work with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the private sector to 17 equip youth with entrepreneurial skills;

18 4. *Further invites* Member States to encourage civic engagement of youth by:

- 19 (a) offering greater opportunities for volunteering;
- 20 (b) creating opportunities that can allow youth to shadow government officials;
 - (c) ensuring that governmental positions and offices are set aside exclusively for young adults;

(d) *Recommends* the implementation of mentorship programmes in both secondary education and university environments, therefore providing an insight into expectations of the real world as well as providing connections for those who are lacking them;

5. *Supports* the welcoming of multinational companies into developing countries to train and employ individuals from the labor force in the developing state they are operating in, therefore tackling the issue of brain drain, which will cause individuals to have less of an incentive to migrate in search of employment opportunities;

6. *Calls upon* Member States to work with UNIDO to increase industrialization projects, which will create job opportunities for young people.

Passed, Yes: 11 / No: 0 / Abstain: 0