SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on the Status of Women

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Emphasizing the direct correlation between education and the reduction of HIV/AIDS infection rates,

Reaffirming Member States’ educational programming and looking to expand upon the existing efforts of various Member States and provide further recommendations for expanding HIV/AIDS education globally,

Acknowledging that many individuals do not have access to traditional means of education due to a plethora of reasons and contributing factors, including age, cultural traditions or economic status,

Bearing in mind the importance of nontraditional educational programs to reach populations without access to formal sex education,

Recalling that the United Nations Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026 stresses the importance of solutions led by the affected individuals and communities,

Recognizing the importance of financial and cultural contributions to the advancement of HIV/AIDS mitigation, prevention, treatment and education,

1. Calls upon Member States to focus supplementary educational programs toward women who have limited educational access, explicitly calling attention to:
   (a) Individuals living in rural areas with limited educational access;
   (b) Women included in key populations affected by HIV/AIDS, including but not limited to: sex workers, transgender women and individuals who inject drugs;

2. Encourages Member States utilize and expand upon HIV/AIDS initiatives to help educate the local communities that traditional education may not reach, keeping in mind:
   (a) Many women are denied a formal education for a variety of reasons;
   (b) The population of women that are no longer eligible to receive a formal primary and secondary education;
   (c) Non-traditional education through Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) can reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS in many underdeveloped countries;
   (d) Different communities have different needs and localizing these efforts to the specific needs of their people will be the most effective;

3. Recommends Member States integrate HIV/AIDS education and HIV positive characters into public media programming in order to broaden access to information and reduce the stigma associated with the disease:
   (a) Suggests cooperation with UNICEF for the development of positive messages in children’s programming, in alignment with UNICEF’s guidelines for communicating with children;

4. Supports national and international partnerships with local, grassroots organizations in working towards these goals, in order to increase efficacy and community engagement.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions.