The General Assembly Second Committee,

Reaffirming state sovereignty as a crucial aspect of all United Nation actions as cited in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights,

Drawing guidance from the Women’s Empowerment Principles joint initiative of the United Nations Global Compact and United Nations Women,

Recognizing that women are a vital part of the global economy, and working to eliminate discrimination against women,

Respecting the wide variety of cultures, values, and religions transnationally,

Understanding education as being transformative, empowering individuals to improve their economic conditions,

1. Assures Member States of the importance of respect for their diverse cultural values within this resolution;

2. Urges Member States to take action to ensure equal access to financial opportunities for women:

   (a) Acknowledges colonialism’s negative impacts on women’s economic development;

   (b) Understands that policies strengthening the healthcare system and providing paid family leave to allow women the opportunity to increase their economic participation;

   (c) Recommends that Member States conduct analysis of barriers disproportionately impacting women in their pursuit of financial opportunities, recognizing the unpaid and underappreciated labor of women around the world;

   (d) Further recommends Member States create programs to allow women to have access to careers in traditionally male dominated fields, including in government positions across Member States. Encourages the usage of the Women’s Empowerment Principles in achieving this goal;

3. Emphasizes the need for equal access to education as a prerequisite for women’s equity worldwide:

   (a) Asks Member States to ensure equal access to education;

   (i) Emphasizes the need for this to start from childhood to ensure all students start off on an equal opportunity for success;

   (ii) Recommends focusing on improving literacy rates;

   (iii) Asks for Member States to ensure post secondary education is accessible to women from countries across the global community;

4. Calls upon Member States to uphold the sovereignty of individual states, and the best interests of their citizens;

5. Requests the Secretary General to submit to the General Assembly at the following session, a report on the situation of Women in Development, and covering all aspects of the implementation of the present resolution.

Passed, Yes: 38 / No: 35 / Abstain: 16