



*American Model United Nations*  
**General Assembly Second Committee**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Women in development

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Second Committee

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- 1        *Reaffirming* state sovereignty as a crucial aspect of all United Nations actions as cited in the United Nations  
2 Declaration of Human Rights,
- 3        *Drawing guidance* from the Women's Empowerment Principles joint initiative of the United Nations Global  
4 Compact and United Nations Women,
- 5        *Recognizing* that women are a vital part of the global economy, and working to eliminate discrimination  
6 against women,
- 7        *Respecting* the wide variety of cultures, values, and religions transnationally,
- 8        *Understanding* education as being transformative, empowering individuals to improve their economic condi-  
9 tions,
- 10        1. *Assures* Member States of the importance of respect for their diverse cultural values within this resolution;
- 11        2. *Urges* Member States to take action to ensure equal access to financial opportunities for women:
- 12            (a) Acknowledges colonialism's negative impacts on women's economic development;
- 13            (b) Understands that policies strengthening the healthcare system and providing paid family leave  
14 to allow women the opportunity to increase their economic participation;
- 15            (c) Recommends that Member States conduct analysis of barriers disproportionately impacting  
16 women in their pursuit of financial opportunities, recognizing the unpaid and underappreciated labor of women  
17 around the world;
- 18            (d) Further recommends Member States create programs to allow women to have access to careers  
19 in traditionally male dominated fields, including in government positions across Member States. Encourages the  
20 usage of the Women's Empowerment Principles in achieving this goal;
- 21        3. *Emphasizes* the need for equal access to education as a prerequisite for women's equity worldwide:
- 22            (a) Asks Member States to ensure equal access to education;
- 23            (i) Emphasizes the need for this to start from childhood to ensure all students start off on an equal  
24 opportunity for success;
- 25            (ii) Recommends focusing on improving literacy rates;
- 26            (iii) Asks for Member States to ensure post secondary education is accessible to women from countries  
27 across the global community;
- 28        4. *Calls upon* Member States to uphold the sovereignty of individual states, and the best interests of their  
29 citizens;
- 30        5. *Requests* the Secretary General to submit to the General Assembly at the following session, a report on  
31 the situation of Women in Development, and covering all aspects of the implementation of the present resolution.

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