



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* the great strides the United Nations has already made on the topic of women in development
2 in the 2028 System-Wide Strategy on Gender Parity,

3 *Aware of* public reliance on trusted press coverage to accurately relay reliable information and addressing
4 the lack of confidence in previous conditional international humanitarian aid and development efforts,

5 *Reaffirming* the need to respect state sovereignty, specifically local cultural and religious norms when ad-
6 dressing women's development,

7 *Emphasizing* that prioritization of women's economic development, including expansion of funding in women's
8 education, will in turn support the nation's economic development,

9 *Encouraging* the expansion of female independence through access to income streams and entrepreneurship
10 opportunities,

11 *Recognizing* the impact public services and infrastructure have on opportunities for women, particularly in
12 rural areas,

13 *Further emphasizing* that existing gender inequalities are exacerbated by times of crisis, such as the COVID-
14 19 Pandemic, leading to a backslide in rights gained by women such as limited access to healthcare and increase in
15 domestic violence,

16 *Desires* to furthering the discussion on discrimination against women through open dialogue with the Com-
17 mission on the Status of Women (CSW),

18 1. *Recommends* further action to address gender representation disparities in the Office of Information and
19 Communication Technology and the Department of Safety and Security which have less than 25 percent of female
20 representation when compared to other United Nations organizations;

21 2. *Encourages* the creation of regional media campaigns to improve trust and confidence in women's economic
22 development programs:

23 (a) Requests that campaigns overseen by regional bodies cooperate with local leaders and women
24 to ensure complete transparency and local participation;

25 3. *Suggests* the creation of Regional Women's Development Bodies to oversee and implement international
26 women's economic development initiatives:

27 (a) Request representatives from their respective states and regions, overseers from NGO's, and
28 observers from the general international community to ensure that both international economics programs and local
29 customs are considered;

30 (b) Encourages intergovernmental funding programs like the World Bank and the International
31 Monetary Fund may potentially fund and enact policies regionally;

32 4. *Recommends* the implementation of women's education to improve industry participation in collaboration
33 with the Generation Equality Action Coalitions by:

34 (a) Suggesting the establishment of STEM and entrepreneurship education programs through Tech-
35 nology and Innovation for Gender Equality Action Coalition and implementation of mentoring programs like She
36 Innovates Global Programme;

37 (b) Encouraging all willing and able Member States to invest in financial literacy programs and
38 microcredit loan initiatives to help women achieve economic independence;

39 (i) Promoting female personal or shared ownership of land and capital to promote investments in
40 new businesses, ventures and entrepreneurship;

41 (ii) Ensuring that there exist robust auditing programs to prevent predatory loans and debt trap
42 schemes;

43 5. *Requests* Member States to work together and provide frameworks for women-driven industries and
44 peer-to-peer markets to promote and improve economic independence by:

45 (a) Growing private and public industries to connect women with resources necessary for cottage
46 industries and purchase surplus homemade goods for profit;

47 (b) Promoting the establishment of female apprenticeship and job shadow programs to extend work
48 experience opportunities to rural and urban female students;

49 (c) Implementing regional committees to oversee payments, prevent exploitative work practices, and
50 ensure that women receive a full and fair wage for their work;

51 6. *Discourages* workplace discrimination and advocates greater female industry and political leadership by:

52 (a) Promoting the creation of female business and management programs in higher education insti-
53 tutions to improve female leadership representation;

54 (b) Calling for legislative protections and/or quotas for female chief executive officers (CEOs) and
55 board of director members to ensure that the female voice is heard and considered in employment and promotion
56 decisions;

57 (c) Supporting collaborations with Equality Now and Women's Environment and Development Or-
58 ganization (WEDO) to recommend legal frameworks that protect women's right to participate in organizational
59 leadership;

60 7. *Suggests* the use of humanitarian aid and United Nations System Organizations to support women's
61 economic development by:

62 (a) Contacting non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as the Association for Women's Rights
63 in Development (AWID) to influence policy and practice to achieve gender justice and women's human rights by;

64 (i) Implementing and sustaining key services, even in times of crisis, that are prepared to serve
65 women by ensuring essential healthcare services and domestic violence support services within the
66 confines of Member States' individual laws;

67 (b) Recommending collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and to
68 create relief funds that aid women who are disproportionately impacted by natural and manmade disasters in order
69 to ensure their participation in the economy;

70 8. *Emphasizes* the importance of open dialogue between nations by promoting cooperation between nations,
71 especially on the ground of tradition, culture, and religion to better understand the role of women in individual
72 Member States.

Passed, Yes: 48 / No: 17 / Abstain: 5