



American Model United Nations
Commission on Population and Development

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Population and Development

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Bearing in mind the need for sustainable development to create efficient cities in the future,

Convinced that if sustainable cities are not established, there will be continued need for high levels of migration,

Expecting that guidelines for sustainable cities will ease in the establishment and guide Member States in development,

Recognizing the immense financial burden of the implementation of sustainable cities,

Stressing that war, conflict and natural disasters have a significant impact on the development of sustainable infrastructure,

Deeply concerned with the environmental impacts that climate change has on the creation of sustainable cities,

Expressing appreciation that increased sustainable development will result in a better world for the civilians in struggling nations,

Noting that Indigenous Peoples are essential to the continuing conversation of sustainable development,

Acknowledging that Indigenous Peoples are disproportionately affected by unsustainable development and climate change,

Keeping in mind, how regional climate, culture, religion and economic related issues impact the development of sustainable cities,

Taking into account that sustainable development will help to alleviate the impact of pollution,

Having considered the broadness of the issue of sustainable development of cities,

1. *Calls* upon states to implement sustainable planning framework for development:

(a) Sustainable development can be implemented in many sectors of a robust community;

(b) Implementation can be in the following sectors and all recommendations are suggestions and not mandatory to be implemented;

(i) Energy;

A. Reducing reliance on fossil fuels as per the United Nations Environmental Programme goals by 2030;

B. Invested in solar, wind, water nuclear energy and the increased renewable energy adoption to reduce the use of greenhouse gasses;

C. Public-Private partnership program which will help with public clean energy benefits and give the investment opportunity to the private sector;

D. Ensuring that there is access to reliable electricity for all individuals living in within a certain city;

(ii) Construction;

A. Energy efficient design by using natural light and shading;

- B. Integrating renewable energy such as solar panels into the design;
- C. Using green material such as recycling material for construction;
- D. Support Green Roofs and Landscaping to increase the surface area and to help with runoff water;
- E. Mixed use development to allow for job creation as well as housing;
- F. Support of impoverished housing development programmes;
- G. Supports the development of multiple food centers dependent on the size of the population within a certain radius;
- H. Encourages the development of additional healthcare infrastructure;
- (iii) Transportation;
- A. Encourage the use of electric vehicles and invest in a comprehensive public transportation system;
- B. Implement policies to reduce emissions from the transportation sector, such as promoting car-pooling and cycling;
- C. Recommends establishing a network that allows for consistent access to transportation throughout the entirety of the city;
- (iv) Community Engagement;
- A. Provide transparent communication about the sustainability project to meet the needs of the community;
- B. Consider hosting workshops, organizing local events and creating online platforms to share information;
- C. Giving the sense of ownership to the project to encourage community participation;
- D. Introduce programs for job preparation for low income migrants;
- E. Endorses the application of internet access to both urban and rural areas;
- F. Encourages collaboration between local and state governments with citizens to stress the importance of community engagement;
- (v) Water;
- A. Affirms the need for access to clean drinking water for the whole population;
- B. Considers the need for the development and improvement of water treatment facilities;
- C. Encourages the transparency and responsibility of cities to relay times of contaminated water;
- (vi) Waste Management;
- A. Desiring the improvement of waste management facilities;
- B. Looking to increase the number of waste management facilities and the areas in which they serve;
- (vii) Education;
- A. Emphasizing the importance of incorporating educational programs to developing countries;
- B. Offering all levels of education to cater to the mass population;
- C. Implementing educational institutions will directly contribute to higher literacy rates;
- D. Expanding upon the infrastructure of these institutions will garner greater influence;

2. *Recognizes* the effects of regional climate and landscapes on the differing abilities to create sustainable development, as Members States should adjust sustainable development to best fit their nation's climate;

3. *Reaffirms* that current climate programs such as the Paris Climate Agreement and their funds are meant to finance sustainable development infrastructure for developing countries to ensure resources for countries;

- 75 (a) Urges developed countries to meet their financial contributions for funding of sustainable devel-
76 opment in developing countries;
- 77 (b) Recognizes that funds from The Paris Climate Agreement might best address energy develop-
78 ment;
- 79 4. *Further invites* Member States support of these current United Nations programmes:
- 80 (a) UN-Habitat;
- 81 (b) United Nations Development Programme;
- 82 5. *Recommends* the creation of the educational program, Sustainability Within Communities (SWC), to
83 educate local populations within states on sustainable development practices;
- 84 6. *Suggests* the creation of the educational program, United Nations Sustainable Educational Program
85 (UNSEP), to educate states on how to implement sustainable development goals and to help review current goals as
86 states progress;
- 87 7. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council recommend to the United Nations Security Council that they
88 enter deliberations on the optimal approach to protecting sustainable infrastructure and development in areas of
89 war, conflict, and natural disasters;
- 90 8. *Endorses* the creation of Attainable and Accessible Sustainable Development (AASD), a research coun-
91 cil that will confer with member states on sustainable development, under the advisement of the United Nations
92 Development Programme:
- 93 (a) The council will take into consideration a multitude of factors when making recommendations
94 for individual states;
- 95 (i) Regional climate;
- 96 (ii) Climate change;
- 97 (iii) Financial resources;
- 98 (iv) Natural Resources;
- 99 (b) *Recommends* the implementation of viewpoints of Indigenous People when creating sustainable
100 cities;
- 101 9. *Expresses hope* for the protection of the land of Indigenous People by preventing the use of the land for
102 industry development.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions