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## American Model United Nations General Assembly Second Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern

energy for all

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Second Committee

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Recalling Article 2 of the United Nations Charter, with respect to state sovereignty as they decide when and how to shift towards renewable energy,

Recalling resolutions 53/7 of 16 October 1998, 54/215 of 22 December 1999, 55/205 of 20 December 2000, 56/200 of 21 December 2001, 58/210 of 23 December 2003, 60/199 of 22 December 2005, 62/197 of 19 December 2007, 64/206 of 21 December 2009, 66/206 of 22 December 2011, 69/225 of 19 December 2014 and 70/201 of 22 December 2015, as well as its resolutions 65/151 of 20 December 2010 on the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All and 67/215 of 21 December 2012, in which it decided to declare 2014 to 2024 the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All,

Reaffirming resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far reaching and people centered set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets and solidified its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030,

Stressing the need for a coherent, integrated approach to energy sustainability and the promotion of collective efforts across the global energy agenda for sustainable development, with a focus on eradicating poverty and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals,

Reaffirming that each Member State must take primary responsibility for its own development and that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized in the achievement of sustainable development,

Recognizing the need for the creation of an enabling environment at all levels and across all sectors for the achievement of sustainable development,

*Emphasizing* the critical socioeconomic benefits of affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy and the need to reframe the understanding of energy from a technical unit to a requirement for basic social services, economic development and poverty eradication,

- 1. Calls for Member States to promote the establishment of renewable energy infrastructure, with collaborative aid efforts to Member States whose economies are dependent on non-renewable sources;
- 2. Encourages United Nations Member States to continue to support programs such as the Sustainable Development Goal Fund to continue its partnership with 31 Member States, which grants funds to renewable energy infrastructure;
- 3. *Emphasizes* the importance of individual approaches to choosing the best form of renewable energy based on each Member State's resources to ensure full participation and an inclusive shift towards renewable energy;
- 4. Affirms that Member States will not be forced to adopt an energy source that does not fit their natural strengths or goals:
- 33 (a) Member States will have the freedom to choose according to their natural resources and economic 34 background and to choose according to their own agenda and judgment;
- 5. Calls for the establishment of a collective fund, the Monetary Incentive Association (MIA) for the purpose of incentivizing the realistic transition from non-renewable energy sources and industries to renewable energy:

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- (a) Funds will be allocated for a Member State to transition from non-renewable industries to 37 renewable energy markets and sources; 38
- (b) Funds will be provided by consenting Member States who wish to see and support the shift from 39 non-renewable to renewable energy in other Member States or for joint-project collaborations; 40
- (c) Funds are donated with the stipulation that Member States should put the totality of that money 41 into renewable energy related projects; 42
- (d) Donor Member States can add a clause with their donation that Member States who accept 43 their donation must become part of a joint-cooperation project with the donor Member State to provide oversight 44 and guidance; 45
- 6. Encourages joint cooperation between Member States of the MIA on projects to pool resources and 46 manpower in order to benefit both parties: 47
- (a) Joint cooperation between Member States is not mandatory and a completely voluntary process between Member States: 49
  - (b) A collective fund would allow for Member States with more advanced technology in renewable energy to partner with other Member States in efforts to support renewable energy sources best suited for individual Member States themselves including, but not limited to, wind, solar and hydroelectric methods;
- (c) Joint cooperation on such projects allows Member States to share advancements in technology 53 54 and information to assure all Member States can benefit from progress made in the field of renewable energy;
  - 7. Further encourages a cooperative level of oversight that promotes quarterly self reporting of usage of MIA funds and resources:
    - (a) Quarterly reporting will be conducted by the Member State who received funds from the MIA;
- (b) Reporting can be done by the various departments and ministries within a Member State's 58 government and are mandatory to continue to receive MIA funds; 59
- 8. Additionally encourages the creation of an international research and review committee to promote the 60 joint pooling of resources, sharing research and efficient use of funds for renewable energy efforts: 61
- (a) Any Member State who joins the MIA collective fund will be offered membership to the research 62 committee: 63
- (b) The research committee would examine previous investments and projects related to renewable 64 energy; 65
- (c) Reports and recommendations will be released by the committee for use by donees to guide 66 individual Member State's efforts to shift away from nonrenewables; 67
- (d) The research committee will not enforce any measures on Member States and will instead offer 68 advice or guidance. 69

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