

## 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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1 *Recognizing* the urgent need to address climate change and transition to a sustainable global energy system,

2 Affirming the importance of ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all,

3 *Reaffirming* the importance of the Paris Climate Agreement of 2016,

4 *Recognizing* the significant potential of renewable energy sources to contribute to sustainable development 5 and economic growth,

6 Noting the declining costs of renewable energy technologies and their increasing competitiveness with fossil 7 fuels,

8 *Emphasizing* the importance of providing incentives and support to developing Member States to transition 9 to renewable energy sources,

10 Acknowledging the vital role of renewable energy in achieving inclusive economic growth and global sustain-11 ability,

12 *Aiming* to achieve net-zero carbon emissions,

*Emphasizing* the imperative need for a guided and gradual transition towards sustainable energy tailored to the idiosyncratic needs and capabilities of individual Member States,

*Further emphasizing* the importance of individual approaches to choosing the best form of renewable energy based on each Member States' resources to ensure full participation and an inclusive shift towards renewable energy,

*Recognizing* the critical nature of reliable energy access for economic sustainability safeguarding citizens'
well-being,

19 Understanding that an abrupt shift to renewable energy could disproportionately burden vulnerable popu-20 lations,

*Reaffirming* the necessity of increased investment in infrastructure modernization and distribution networks to ensure equitable access to reliable energy,

Recognizing the significant role and potential contributions that the private sector can offer in advancing innovations and providing financial aid,

25 Stressing the significance of collaborative approaches where Member States voluntarily aid underdeveloped 26 countries in their transition to renewable energy,

*Expressing concern* in regards to the transfer of volatile reactor fuels in between Member States unable to facilitate its safe passage and usage,

*Recalling* the fundamental tenets embodied in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically highlighting the commitment outlined in Goal 7, which endeavors to secure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and contemporary energy for all by the year 2030,

Recognizing the challenges and disparities encountered by certain Member States, emphasizing the imperative to strive towards achieving SDG 7 aspirations, especially for less developed Member States, by extending the targeted time frame to 2050, encouraging global efforts toward this pivotal objective, 1. Calls upon developed Member States to donate money to the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and the International Fund for Sustainable Development in order to ensure clean energy access world wide;

2. *Encourages* Member States to establish enabling policy frameworks that promote renewable energy investments, including transparent regulatory environments, streamlined permitting processes and stable fiscal policies;

39 3. *Supports* capacity-building and knowledge-sharing initiatives to enhance the technical expertise and skills 40 required for the development and deployment of renewable energy technologies in developing countries;

4. *Calls upon* Member States to participate in the development of wind, solar and hydroelectric energy in 42 situations where it is most practical;

43 5. *Encourages* Member States to be open to large scale international energy collaboration;

6. *Promotes* international cooperation and collaboration on research and development of renewable energy technologies, including through the sharing of best practices and the establishment of joint research initiatives;

46 7. *Encourages* the development of innovative renewable energy solutions tailored to the specific needs and 47 challenges of developing countries, such as off-grid solutions and distributed generation systems;

8. *Promotes* the use of renewable energy in rural areas to improve access to energy services and promote economic development;

50 9. *Encourages* the integration of renewable energy technologies into sustainable urban and rural development, 51 including the use of renewable energy for daily needs such as transportation, heating and cooling;

10. *Requests* Member States to raise public awareness about the benefits of renewable energy through mediation campaigns focusing on promoting public participation in the transition to a sustainable energy future;

11. *Calls upon* international organizations, such as the United Nations, the World Bank and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), to continue providing support and guidance to countries in their efforts to transition to renewable energy sources;

12. Urges the IRENA to allocate and oversee the utilization of funds, conducting a comprehensive assessment of the funding's impact every five years, in alignment with the directives outlined in clause 21;

59 13. *Further urges* all countries to adopt goals for renewable energy deployment and to implement compre-60 hensive strategies to achieve these goals;

14. *Reaffirms* the commitment of the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and Ukraine to lead the global transition to a sustainable energy future powered by renewable energy sources;

63 15. Urges Member States to prioritize a guided and responsible transition towards sustainable energy, 64 respecting the diverse needs and capacities of individual countries;

16. *Calls for* continued support for underdeveloped countries, acknowledging their unique challenges and the necessity for financial assistance in transitioning to renewable energy;

17. *Requests* the United Nations and relevant international organizations to support Member States in capacity building, knowledge sharing and the exchange of best practices towards achieving universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy;

18. *Encourages* the private sector to engage in sustainable energy initiatives, including investments in clean energy infrastructure, innovation and technology development while ensuring responsible business practices that respect human rights and environmental sustainability;

19. *Promotes* increased investment in clean and renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and innovative technologies while understanding the various factors that may prevent a country from investing in such resources;

20. Invites Member States to report on progress made towards the implementation of this resolution in their
national development agendas;

21. *Suggests* the implementation of a quarterly self report of those Member States who have received funding for a renewable energy infrastructure or upkeep;

- 22. *Invites* relevant stakeholders, including governments, private sector entities and international organizations, to collaborate on creating employment opportunities, training and skill development programs in the renewable
- 81 energy sector, prioritizing job creation for marginalized and vulnerable populations;
- 82 23. *Further recommends* directing funding towards the upkeep of existing nuclear energy infrastructure to 83 ensure the safety of Member States who rely on these systems.

Passed, Yes: 42 / No: 14 / Abstain: 14