

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Right to Development

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Human Rights

SUBMITTED BY: South Africa, Guinea, Greece, Afghanistan, The Netherlands, Slovenia

The Commission on Human Rights

1 *Guided by* the Charter of the United Nations, expressing in particular the determination to
2 promote social progress and better standards of life as well as to employ international
3 mechanisms for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

4 *Recalling* all its previous resolutions, in particular resolution 56/69 of 25 April 2002,

5 *Recognizing* the need to follow the provisions made in the Vienna Declaration and Programme
6 of Action,

7 *Recalling* also that the Declaration on the Right of Development authenticates the Right to
8 Development as an inalienable human right,

9 *Deeply convinced* that embracing the Right to Development will help the peoples of the world to
10 bring to an end, poverty, which is the breeding ground for conflict,

11 *Reaffirming* the formal commitment articulated at the World Conference Against Racism, Racial
12 Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held in Durban, South Africa, in August
13 and September 2001, to promote universal respect for, and observance and protection of all
14 human rights, including the Right to Development,

15 *Stressing* the importance of global, regional, and bilateral cooperation, including but not limited
16 to the following measures:

- 17 a) Partnerships,
- 18 b) Commitments,
- 19 c) Solidarity,

20 d) North-South and South-South cooperation.

21 1. *Urges* developed countries that have not yet done so to make concrete efforts towards
22 reaching the Millennium Development Goals' target of 0.7 per cent GNP to Official
23 Development Assistance to developing countries;

24 2. *Strongly Recommends* all UN members to commit to improving the effectiveness of
25 Official Development Assistance by such means as encouraging multinational
26 corporations to invest in less developed nations to further development of said nations;

27 3. *Calls upon* continued implementation and broadening of the Highly Indebted Poor
28 Countries Initiative created and funded by IMF and the World Bank;

29 4. *Also calls upon* a commitment of all UN member states to place the needs and interests of
30 developing countries firmly at the heart of WTO negotiations;

31 5. *Emphasizes* the necessity of addressing and preventing the detrimental human costs that
32 can result from globalization and the necessity of more accessible finance for
33 development mechanisms, building on the recommendations of the International
34 Conference on Financing for Development held in March 2002 in Monterrey, Mexico;

35 6. *Emphasizes* the importance for developing countries to carry out necessary social,
36 political, and economic reform in order to allow new and improved partnerships with
37 developed countries and within developing countries based on mutual respect as well as
38 shared responsibility.

Final Vote: 17 in favor / 0 opposed / 1 abstention