



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ES/II/4

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Economic and Environmental Questions: Population and Development

SUBMITTED TO: ECOSOC

1 *The Economic and Social Council,*

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3 *Realizing* the correlation between high infant mortality rates and high population growth
4 rates,

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6 *Recognizing* the uneven distribution found in the age/ population ratio that is found in many
7 developing nations,

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9 *Affirming* the lack of access to infant and child health care is a major obstacle to combating
10 infant mortality,

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12 *Praising* the GOBI strategy for its accomplishments towards establishing basic child health
13 care in developing countries,

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15 1. *Encourages* Member States to work in coordination with the United Nations, NGO's,
16 international non-profit organizations, and other IGO's towards the expansion of child and infant
17 healthcare initiatives that focus on the following highly successful and cost effective strategies;

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19 (a) monitoring growth and development in children under two years of age;

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21 (b) promoting the use of and providing access to oral rehydration therapies and iodine
22 water treatment;

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24 (c) education on the benefits of as well as the promotion of breast feeding;

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26 (d) providing basic immunization for infants and young children;

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28 2. *Stresses* the importance of local authorities such as religious leaders, school teachers, and
29 village leaders in establishing, applying, and promoting child and infant health care programs
30 through;

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32 (a) input on how to best optimize international and national programs on a local level;

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34 (b) informing communities about the benefits associated with and the importance of child
35 and infant health care initiatives;

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37 3. *Calls for* the training of lay health care workers to;

38 (a) create a community connection within the implementation of infant and child health
39 care initiatives;

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41 (b) act as support staff for international workers.

Final Vote: Passed by Consensus with Jamaica Abstaining