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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:	High Level Segment: Coordination Segment: Sustained Economic Growth for Social Development Including the Eradication of Poverty and Hunger
SUBMITTED TO:	The Economic and Social Council
SUBMITTED BY:	Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, India, Thailand
The Economic and Social Council	
<i>Recalling</i> Report E/2006/56 by the Secretary General, which recognizes that investment in human capital in the areas of education and vocational training fosters economic growth and development,	
Affirming the Millennium Development Goals, in particular the second Millennium Development Goal, which recognizes that accessibility is paramount in achieving universal primary education,	
Concerned by the serious lack of resources such as teaching aids and supplies in developing states, in addition to the need for continued training of teachers in order to improve the quality of education,	
<i>Recognizing</i> that vocational training develops a state's workforce, enabling it to better participate in the global economy while concurrently improving the socioeconomic status of individuals receiving training,	
Remembering the importance of vocational training in the areas of science and technology to further sustainable development,	
<i>Recalling</i> General Assembly Resolution A/2626 in 1970, which pledges Official Development Assistance by economically developed states,	
Applauding all current assistance by member states in the advancement of this topic,	
<i>Emphasizing</i> the need for greater coordination between all relevant United Nations programs, non-governmental organizations, regional development banks, and local organizations to better address the issue of improving education in developing states,	

1. Encourages all member states to recognize the importance of education in the

development of their economy;

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2. Reminds states of their commitment to the Millennium Development Goals, and calls for greater focus on the second goal:

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3. Strongly urges all member states to improve education infrastructure, such as building more schools and purchasing more teaching aids and school supplies to improve accessibility and quality of education;

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4. Encourages the creation and implementation of programs for the continued training of teachers in order to improve the quality of education;

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5. Calls for the development of vocational training programs and conferences to improve both the quality of education and the economic status of individuals and states;

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6. Emphasizing the need for education and training in the areas of science and technology to ensure the furtherance of medical, technological, and infrastructure development;

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7. Reminds economically developed states of their commitment to Official Development Assistance, and further calls for states to contribute the full 0.7% of their Gross National Product to enable the implementation of educational initiatives;

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8. *Encourages* the reallocation of current resources for more efficient implementation of education initiatives;

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9. Recognizes the great importance of cooperation and coordination among all United Nations programs, member states, regional development banks, and local organizations in promoting the improvement of education to enable economic development.

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