



*American Model United Nations*  
**Economic and Social Commission for Western  
Asia**

ESCWA/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Impact of ICT on Arab Youth: Employment, Education and Social Change

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

*The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,*

1 *Reaffirming* the important role that Information Communications Technology (ICT) can play in the lives of  
2 Arab Youth,

3 *Guided by* the work done by the United Nations ICT Task Force with the Asia-Pacific Development Infor-  
4 mation Program,

5 *Cognizant of* the great potential for ICT as a means towards eradicating poverty, improving quality of life  
6 and developing sustainably in least developed countries (LDCs), especially countries in Western Asia,

7 *Recognizing* the need for internet infrastructure in LDCs,

8 *Noting* the importance of incentive programs in encouraging foreign investment in ICT programs,

9 *Emphasizing* every Member States' national sovereignty,

10 1. *Encourages* Member States to work towards providing government officials and youth with technological  
11 literacy programs, coordinating with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) when necessary, possibly including  
12 but not limited to:

13 (a) UandI;

14 (b) Community Education Computer Society;

15 (c) Academy for Educational Development;

16 2. *Invites* Member States to further develop telecommunications infrastructure, and if necessary cooperating  
17 with NGOs and other relevant organizations such as but not limited to:

18 (a) Facebook Internet.org Project;

19 (b) Google's Project Loon;

20 (c) The Malala Fund;

21 (d) One Laptop per Child;

22 (e) The Arab Information and Communication Technologies Organization;

23 3. *Calls upon* Member States to consider implementing comprehensive incentive programs for companies in  
24 the technological sector in order to attract foreign and domestic investment, recommending in particular:

25 (a) Consideration of the benefits of offering companies tax incentives for hiring people in technology-  
26 related positions and for companies building infrastructure conducive to creating ICT industries within Member  
27 States;

28 (b) Implementation of a subsidiary program for build out projects;

29 4. *Requests* that the Economic and Social Council puts ICT development on the Economic and Social  
30 Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) agenda on a biennial basis:

31 (a) Recommends this discussion revolve around ICT growth initiatives adopted in Member States  
32 and the impact these policies have on the respective Member States' technology sector and economy;

33 (b) Further recommends that the Economic and Social Council asks ESCWA to discuss policies in  
34 which Member States share policies regarding technology development to achieve more efficient and rapid regional  
35 growth in ICT.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions