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## American Model United Nations Economic and Social Council

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and

equality

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, which ensures the rights of liberty and security of all,

Recognizing that practices such as child marriages, female genital mutilation and honor-based violence pose serious obstacles to women's rights and welfare,

Acknowledging the United Nations Sustainable Development (SDGs) Goal 5: Gender Equality, which aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls,

Reaffirming resolution 62/218 of 12 February 2008 on the elimination of discrimination against women,

Reiterating the need to intensify efforts to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women throughout the world,

Acknowledging the commitment made under the SDG Goal 4: Quality Education to ensure inclusive and accessible education for all,

Emphasizing the need for the creation of mobile clinics in collaboration with global health organizations to ensure immediate treatment for female victims of violence amidst conflict,

Recognizing the necessity of Member States to enforce laws surrounding violence against women and pursue justice for victims,

Understanding the deficit in information about the needs of women in rural areas,

Realizing the disparity between male and female representation in domestic and international delegations on bilateral and multilateral levels,

- 1. Encourages Member States to work with and strengthen legal systems involving women domestically by means of:
- (a) Expanding legislation to protect women's rights and to prosecute of acts of gender-based violence;
  - (b) Prosecuting those responsible for violence towards women and crimes against women;
- (c) Encouraging women to enter the judiciary and increase the participation of women in domestic legal systems;
- (d) Expanding access to mental health services to ensure the well-being of survivors of gender-based violence;
- 2. Urges Member States to take immediate actions to ensure financial equality for women by enhancing legal procedures and by ensuring equal inheritance rights, property ownership and protection against workforce discrimination;
- 3. Further encourages Member States to promote and facilitate foreign direct investment (FDI) that prioritizes gender development initiatives in collaboration with, but not limited to:
  - (a) United Nations Women;

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(b) International Monetary Fund; 35 (c) International Labour Organization; 36 (d) Regional United Nations-sponsored groups; 37 (e) Private sector stakeholders; 38 (f) Local grassroots organizations; 39 40 4. Recommends Member States to support humanitarian initiatives that integrate equality and inclusivity and acknowledge the different needs of women and girls to men and boys, implementing 41 an intersectional approach such as: 42 (a) Calls upon Member States to increase the access and quality of education and job 43 training opportunities for women, such as political and business careers, including; 44 (b) Age; 45 (c) Disability; 46 (d) Sexual orientation; 47 (e) Sexual orientation; 48 (f) Indigenous identities; 49 (q) Ethnic affiliations; 50 (h) Religious affiliations; 51 5. Calls upon Member States to increase the access and quality of education and job training 52 opportunities for women, such as political and business careers, including: 53 (a) Utilizing resources such as the United Nations Radio to encourage accessibility and 54 promote direct intervention to maintain education initiatives for women in conflict areas, experiencing 55 child marriage or living in extreme poverty; 56 (b) Encourages Member States to advance initiatives that promote career readiness by; 57 (i) Focusing on literacy skills in elementary and secondary curriculum; 58 (ii) Organizing women empowerment programs focused on Science, Technology, Engi-59 neering and Mathematics (STEM); 60 (c) Prioritizing quality education specifically for girls and children living in rural areas; 61 (d) Funding elementary and secondary education programs dedicated to raising aware-62 ness around domestic violence, gender-based violence and abuse; 63 (e) Proposing the establishment of a commission to coordinate with the High-Level Po-64 litical Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to monitor and promote global efforts to achieve 65 educational and job training standards for women as outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable De-66 velopment, ensuring consistency and maximizing the impact of these initiatives; 67 6. Further invites Member States to advocate for the selection and appointment of women to 68 leadership roles in national organizations and agencies that demonstrate a strong commitment to 69 gender equality by way of: 70 (a) Implementing quotas for female representation in national and regional governing 71 bodies; 72 (b) Supporting organizations funding or supporting female candidacy at all legislative 73 levels; 74

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governmental organizations in way of:

Encourages Member States to incorporate feminist policy in international agencies and non-

(a) Working with established United Nations and non-governmental organizations such 77 as the United Nations Women and the International Coalition of the Red Cross to further the role of 78 women in international politics; 79 (b) Implementing quotas for female representatives to multilateral and bilateral orga-80 nizations: 81 (c) Adopting female perspectives on global social and economic topics; 82 8. Calls upon Member States to support women in domestic labor by: 83 (a) Implementing domestic labor funding for women working in the household; 84 (b) Providing vocational training for women who wish to work in other fields; 85 86 9. Further encourages Member States to build upon existing efforts by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the World Bank's Gender Data Portal to enhance information-sharing and 87 data-tracking infrastructure technology in rural areas, focusing on better understanding the needs of 88 women and addressing existing data gaps; 10. Recommends the establishment of gender-sensitive reporting mechanisms within conflict 90 zones, including rural areas, that align with and expand upon current UNFPA frameworks, ensuring sur-91 vivors of gender-based violence have confidential, accessible methods of reporting abuse and seeking 92 assistance without fear of retaliation: 93 94 Encourages Member States to collaborate with existing United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees initiatives to strengthen the auditing of refugee camps for gender-based violence, en-95 suring the effectiveness of female-only safe spaces and expanding their availability where gaps are 96 identified; 97 12. Expresses its hope that Member States expand the use of mobile health clinics that can 98 specifically treat women amidst violence by: 99 (a) Partnering with global health organizations such as the International Committee of 100 the Red Cross; 101 102 (b) Fostering collaboration between pre-existing grassroots female healthcare organizations by establishing a national centralized, publicly-available database of such organizations to 103 enhance inter-organizational communication and foster transparency in the use of disbursed funds; 104 Encourages Member States to increase efforts to combat the gender wage gap by: 105 (a) Implementing paid parental leave laws; 106

Passed by consensus, with I abstentions

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(b) Ensuring salary transparency;

(d) Maintaining diversity initiatives.

(c) Administering pay audits;

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