



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Second Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Development cooperation with middle-income countries

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Second Committee

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1 *Recalling* all previous efforts and outcomes of United Nations conferences and summits in the
2 development field, including resolutions adopted in international conferences regarding development
3 cooperation with middle-income countries,

4 *Reaffirming* resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015,

5 *Acknowledging* the contributions of middle-income countries (MICs) to global Gross Domestic
6 Product (GDP) and population while recognizing that 60% of the world's poor reside within MICs,

7 *Recognizing* the challenges posed by the middle-income trap, which prevents sustained eco-
8 nomic growth and the transition to high-income status,

9 *Reaffirming* the adoption of the Rabat Declaration on Middle-Income countries at the High-
10 Level Ministerial Conference on Middle-Income Countries, which sets out solutions to the unique chal-
11 lenges that MICs face, recognizing the need for structural transformations in the UN's approach to
12 international development cooperation in order for MICs to overcome the middle-income trap,

13 *Emphasizing* the importance of multidimensional approaches to development that address
14 structural gaps and emphasize human well-being beyond national income,

15 *Noting with approval* the completion of the work of the High-Level Panel on the Development
16 of a Multidimensional Vulnerability Index, that acknowledges the ineffectiveness of relying on gross
17 national income per capita alone to determine development and donor assistance policies,

18 *Recognizing* that middle-income countries are reliant on external aid to meet their develop-
19 ment needs,

20 *Keeping in mind* that as a country's national income grows, concessional finance becomes less
21 accessible,

22 *Emphasizing* the critical role of South-South and North-South cooperation in fostering sustain-
23 able development,

24 *Strongly endorsing* the importance of the work by the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South South
25 Cooperation (PGTF) in pursuing South-South development cooperation, acknowledging that the PGTF
26 has made significant development progress happen in the Global South despite insubstantial and
27 unreliable financial support,

28 *Recognizing* the disproportionate impact of global conflicts and climate change on low and
29 middle income countries,

30 *Noting* that middle-income countries are disproportionately facing the repercussions of Covid-
31 19, and the consequent economic recession,

32 *Highlighting* the importance of women in development, especially in areas such as agriculture,
33 water management, education, and financial inclusion,

34 *Noting* that many MICs can benefit from aid directed at reducing and combating poverty and
35 that higher GDP should not immediately correspond to a reduction in aid,

36 *Reminding* international partners of global educational disparities and their correlation to em-
37 ployment opportunities in general, as highlighted by report E/2011/82 by the Secretary-General of the
38 United Nations,

39 1. *Encourages* Member States to enhance concessional financing mechanisms for MICs, ensur-
40 ing that financial aid is not solely determined by per capita income but considers multidimensional
41 indicators such as health, education, income inequality, and sustainability;

42 2. *Requests* Member States adopt the Comprehensive Wealth Measurement into the consider-
43 ation of a nation's economic health and development to evaluate a nation's assets and to compliment
44 nation wealth assessing measures;

45 3. *Supports* the establishment of a targeted SDG Stimulus initiative as outlined by the Secretary
46 General on June 5 2024, aiming to mobilize 500 billion US dollars annually through cooperation with
47 international partners, especially multilateral development banks, in an attempt to address issues of
48 debt distress and high cost of debt in order to close financing gaps of MICs and ensure progress toward
49 the 2030 Agenda;

50 4. *Recommends* MICs to develop Integrated National Financing Frameworks to align domestic
51 financing strategies with Sustainable Development Goals, while urging international donors to con-
52 tribute to such frameworks to bolster their effectiveness;

53 5. *Calls upon* Member States to integrate the Doha Program of Action and Rabat Declaration
54 into actionable national development plans to ensure effective implementation of their commitments;

55 6. *Requests* that the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation produce a report ad-
56 dressing:

57 (a) The ways in which a complementary mechanism to the PGTF for South-South Co-
58 operation specifically aimed at increasing the participation and voice of middle-income countries in
59 South-South Cooperation can be implemented;

60 (b) The current barriers preventing greater cooperation with and support to the PGTF
61 among emerging economies;

62 (c) An actionable agenda to promote the PGTF and South-South Cooperation to a key
63 position within the United Nations system;

64 7. *Recommends* that the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation requests the Spe-
65 cial Unit for South-South Cooperation, in coordination with United Nations system entities, including the
66 Regional Commissions, to propose a definition and system of measurement, including indicators, of
67 South-South Cooperation, and submit them to the General Assembly for approval during the seventy-
68 ninth session of the Assembly;

69 8. *Encourages* continued efforts toward South-South and North-South cooperation to pro-
70 mote knowledge sharing, capacity-building, and resource mobilization tailored to the unique needs
71 of Middle-Income Countries;

72 9. *Requests* prioritized support for newly emerging MICs and vulnerable nations, including those
73 disproportionately affected by climate change, economic disruptions, and other structural challenges;

74 10. *Urges* Member States to increase investment into disaster risk reduction measures such
75 as climate resilient infrastructure for middle-income and low-income countries vulnerable to natural
76 disasters;

77 11. *Encourages* international bodies and private investment partners to direct financing towards
78 the establishment of sustainable, accessible, and inclusive institutions of education in middle-income
79 countries, with a focus on equipping students with the skills, knowledge and critical thinking necessary
80 to better equip their populations for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century through:

81 (a) Creating a database with modern global curriculums to better supply access to all
82 Member States;

83 (b) Funding the founding and support of new and current schools, whether due to re-
84 gional conflict or natural disasters;

85 (c) Investing in infrastructure that enables rural communities to have easier access to
86 education;

87 (d) Subsidizing the education and employment of local and international teachers;

88 12. *Considers* the importance of the development of accessible primary and secondary educa-
89 tion, and the connection between education and employment, and the correlation between education
90 and poverty by:

91 (a) Implementing accessibility to primary and secondary education, as well as employ-
92 ment opportunities;

93 (b) Urging the distribution of funding through the United Nations Children’s Fund to ed-
94 ucational facilities that are at risk of closure, in order to reduce the number of children dropping out of
95 any educational opportunities, therefore giving them better possibility of future employment;

96 13. *Calls on* United Nations System entities and international partners to allocate financing to-
97 wards the development of infrastructure within MICs in order to boost economic growth and standard
98 of living by:

99 (a) Investing in innovative sustainable solutions that address transportation, energy,
100 trade, and health;

101 (b) Encouraging consultation with a variety of third parties, including other states, in-
102 ternational institutions and private corporations to create extensive framework addressing these con-
103 cerns;

104 14. *Encourages* women to be able to participate in local economies through education and
105 innovative entrepreneurial endeavors via microloan programs;

106 15. *Calls for* the establishment of a comprehensive monitoring and accountability framework
107 within the United Nations system to assess the progress of development cooperation initiatives in
108 middle-income countries, which includes the establishment of an auditing body within the UN for the
109 expenditure of funds extended through this resolution to prevent corruption.

Passed, Yes: 58 / No: 5 / Abstain: 11