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# Economic & Social

1. Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals
2. Human Settlements Program
3. Digital Divide



**Submitted To: Economic and Social Committee**

**Topic: Sustainable Development Goals**

**Submitted By: Russian Federation**

1 AWARE that the Millennium Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals go hand-in-hand and are  
2 extremely similar and work well together to achieve the same universal goals , and  
3

4 GLADLY STATES that Millennium Goal eight sub-clause A, "Develop further an open, rule-based,  
5 predictable, non-discriminatory trading and financial system", has been doing extremely well in reaching  
6 its goal by raising a record high 134.8 Billion USD in 2013, and  
7

8 STATING that one or more Millennium Goals will most likely not be reached by 2015, the goal being to  
9 reduce poverty amongst nations and that these goals as well as the SDG's must be extended past 2015,  
10 and  
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12 TAKING NOTE that many goals the UN created will most likely not be reached such as the goal in  
13 which universal primary education was supposed to completely exist by 2015 when in fact, still 126  
14 million children are uneducated, and  
15

16 ALARMED that net bilateral aid to Africa (where 34 of the 48 least developed countries are located) fell  
17 by 5.6 per cent in 2013, and  
18

19 WARY OF THE FACT that Millennium Goal 8, sub-clause D, "Deal comprehensively with the debt  
20 problems of developing countries", and sub-clause E, "In cooperation with pharmaceutical companies,  
21 provide access to affordable essential drugs in developing countries" are far from being reached, and  
22

23 NOTING WITH GRAVE CONCERN that the unsurpassable and accumulative debt continues to stay at a  
24 steady 3% increase and fails to decrease and the aid of medicine and medical equipment to poorer nations  
25 increase in 2011 but has failed to increase since then, and  
26

27 1) SUGGESTS that the committee for Economic and Social continue to raise funds for  
28 educational purposes by the use of donations and a requiring of .001% of a nations income  
29 (500k-25m USD) to be put directly towards education in third world nations;  
30

31 2) APPLAUDS the work done by the Economic and Social committee on successfully reaching  
32 the 8<sup>th</sup> (sub-clause a) Millennium Goal;  
33

34 3) ASKS nations to invest in the infrastructure of suffering nations by investments in which the  
35 nation that invested receives a small percentage of the profit from the infrastructure created with  
36 the invested nation's finances and by microloans where a nation loans a small portion of money  
37 and the receiving nation pays back the money with an interest rate of less than 0.1%;  
38

39 4) NOTES WITH APPRECIATION that the World Health Organization continues to aid nations  
40 in need of medical treatment and improve the overall quality of the organization through funds  
41 provided from participating nations;  
42

43 5) REQUESTS the SDG's be extended into 2020 in order to guarantee the success of these goals.



**Submitted To: Economic and Social**  
**Topic: Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals**  
**Submitted By: The Republic of Georgia**

1 RECOGNIZING that the need for a set of globally accepted goals encompassing the areas of  
2 gender equality, empowerment of women, environmental sustainability, poverty alleviation and  
3 other topics previously covered by the Millennium Development Goals is still present, and  
4

5 AWARE OF the considerable efforts already put forth and the progress made in developing new  
6 SDGs to build upon and improve the Millennium Development Goals during the Rio+20  
7 conference, and  
8

9 FULLY BELIEVING that for any Development Goals to be truly economically, socially and  
10 environmentally progressive and functional they must be accessible by and completely  
11 actualized by all nations even while allowing for sovereignty and certain national realities, and  
12

13 CONFIDENT in the methods and modalities decided upon by the Open Working Group to  
14 guarantee complete engagement from any and all stakeholders, and  
15

16 EMPHASIZING that the realization of these goals is crucial for not only the betterment of  
17 countless individual lives but also for advancement on a global stage and that this realization is  
18 reliant on the full cooperation from all stakeholders;  
19

- 20 1) URGES for a more detailed agenda to particularize the current goals and to  
21 encourage focused and continual global action as well as help ensure the  
22 success of the SDGs;  
23
- 24 2) CONSIDERS the possible advantage of attentively and justly prioritizing the  
25 SDGs to ensure that scientific and medical goals are not neglected or  
26 overlooked in favor of economic or social goals, especially in developing  
27 nations;  
28
- 29 3) STRESSES the need for comprehensive, achievable, organized and action-  
30 oriented procedures to be established and accepted by all stakeholders to  
31 maximize the efficiency of the SDGs;  
32
- 33 4) ENCOURAGES a global dialogue not only to help ensure the practicality of  
34 the SDGs in developing nations but also to maximize technology sharing and  
35 collaboration, particularly within the scientific community and in relation to  
36 less developed nations.  
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**Submitted To: ECOSOC**  
**Topic: Sustainable Development Goals**  
**Submitted By: Afghanistan**

1 CONCERNED it has been very difficult to give developing countries aid due to ongoing war and  
2 terrorist activity, and

3 ENCOURAGED by financial aid and from the U.S. and other countries, allowing more people  
4 have access to health care, schooling, and cell phones;

5 1) EXPRESSES the hope that strengthening law enforcement will lead to  
6 a more secure living environment for all.

7 2) REITERATES that better security is vital to all developing countries.

8 3) SUGGESTS that improved security will create more changes for the  
9 better.



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



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Submitted To: Economic and Social  
Topic: Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals  
Submitted By: Ireland

1 AFFIRMING that there are approximately 805 million people who are chronically malnourished,  
2 which has decreased by 10 million in the last decade, and

3  
4 ALARMED that there are about 6.3 million children under the age of five that die of preventable  
5 causes which equals approximately 17,000 deaths, and

6  
7 MINDFUL that the total number of children under five that die per year decreased by 12,000 in  
8 2012, and

9  
10 REALIZING that between 2000-2010, 200 million slum dwellers gained access to clean water,  
11 and

12  
13 RECALLING between 2010 and 2012 alone 44 million slum dwellers were no longer considered  
14 slum dwellers;

15  
16 1. CONFIRMS that Ireland is partnering with countries to help lower child mortality  
17 rates by supporting health care systems to get the children better nourishment and the  
18 essentials the children need;

19  
20 2. APPLAUDS the partnerships between different nations to improve the water  
21 sanitation and peoples access to the water;

22  
23 3. DECLARES that Ireland is partnered with multiple countries to give pregnant  
24 woman better healthcare so mothers and infants are better nourished;

25  
26 4. RECOGNIZES that globally we are spending 133.5 billion dollars to help grow the  
27 global economy;

28  
29 5. APPROVES that Ireland is following the United Nations Millennium Development  
30 Goals;

31  
32 6. SUGGESTS that other nations donate money and time.  
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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



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Submitted To: Economic and Social

Topic: Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals

Submitted By: The Republic of Korea

1 RECOGNIZING that sustainable development is the technology and innovation that will  
2 guarantee elevated growth and living standards without compromising future generations ability  
3 to meet their needs, and  
4

5 EMPHASIZING the need to further mainstream sustainable development on all dimensions,  
6 including economic, social, and environmental aspects and identifying relations, including the  
7 issue of poverty alleviation, in order to achieve sustainable development and stamp out poverty  
8 without leaving a heavy environmental footprint, and  
9

10 AWARE that Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) are action-oriented, concise, and easily  
11 communicated goals that are to help drive the implementation of sustainable development that  
12 respects national policies and priorities and focuses on previously made commitments, and  
13

14 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that all SDG's must be universally applicable to all nations, taking  
15 into account national realities, capacities, and varying levels of development in different nations,  
16 and  
17

18 ACKNOWLEDGING that institutions at all levels, national and international, need to be  
19 effective, transparent, accountable, and democratic in order to achieve our sustainable  
20 development goals, which include sustained and inclusive economic growth, social development,  
21 environmental protection, and the eradication of poverty and hunger, and  
22

23 STRESSING the need to strengthen international cooperation, as well as provide an opportunity  
24 for all member nations to actively participate in decision-making processes, and voice their  
25 concerns, both of which are fundamental in sustainable development;  
26

- 27 1) NOTES the importance to not divert focus or effort from the achievement of the  
28 Millennium Development Goals;  
29  
30 2) SUPPORTS the use of an institute that acquires innovation from subnational and  
31 sectorial resources, offering a public laboratory intersection for leaders of industry,  
32 finance, academia, and government;  
33  
34 3) ENDORSES the implementation of a partnership that will provide expertise and  
35 resources to foster green growth, adaptation and improved resource management,  
36 including facilities that will clean, recycle, and better manage water resources, in  
37 developing nations.



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Submitted To: Economic and Social  
Topic: Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals  
Submitted By: Greece

1 **Appreciating** that Greece follows up closely and contributes regularly to the development of  
2 international, and  
3

4 **Considers** that the EU environmental policy as it participates to all relevant processes and  
5 submits annually national reports to the Committee for Sustainable Development of the UN  
6 (CSD) in relation to the implementation of Agenda 21, and  
7

8 **Understanding** that one of the main reasons for environmental degradation is the unsuccessful  
9 pricing, which sends wrong signals to the market and does not incorporate the environment cost,  
10 and  
11

12 **Grateful** that the NSSD(National Strategies of Sustainable Development) is supporting full and  
13 adequate incorporation and implementation of the EU legislation avoiding unnecessary delays in  
14 the process, and  
15

16 **Necessitating** the timely and effective confrontation of  
17 environmental impacts, and especially the non – reversible impacts on ecosystems  
18 and human health.  
19

20 **Worrying** that South European regions' will be ignored by the entire world, based on their own  
21 issues,  
22

23 **1.)Request** the international and bilateral cooperation on environmental issues, through  
24 the enhanced participation of Greece in International Organisations (egamples UN, OECD)  
25 and the further successful continuation of the Hellenic Bilateral Programme of  
26 Development Assistance and Cooperation, and  
27

28 **2) Declares** that the timely and effective confrontation of  
29 environmental impacts, and especially the non – reversible impacts on ecosystems  
30 and human health be confronted.  
31

32 **3.) Recommends** the NSSD for enhancing the dialogue among stakeholders and  
33 achieving consensus on commonly accepted action programs,.  
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**Submitted To: Economic and Social**  
**Topic: Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals**  
**Submitted By: Chad**

1 ANXIOUS that Sustainability is a global issue that can have grave demographic and economic  
2 consequences if not properly managed, and

3  
4 CONSIDIOUS that in the past, global development has been hindered by various economic and  
5 political factors and therefore must be approached with nonpartisan or neutral values, and

6  
7 NOTING WITH GRAVE CONCERN that Sustainability and development goals are critical to  
8 future generations and should accordingly allow everyday needs to be met, and

9  
10 BEARING IN MIND implementing these goals requires the identification of the factors that  
11 have limited substantial growth of sustainable energy goals, such as a weak economy, and  
12 political conflicts, and

13  
14 RECOGNIZING the difficulties of enforcing these values amongst the labyrinth of ethnic and  
15 regional conflicts present among nations today;

- 16  
17 1) EMPHASIZES the value of the implementation of educational programs regarding  
18 environmental sustainability and its potential economic and political impacts;  
19  
20 2) DEMANDS the cooperation of corporations as well as both governmental and non-  
21 governmental organizations in raising awareness for alternative sustainable energy  
22 practices as well as taking initiative to lessen their own harmful environmental  
23 effects;  
24  
25 3) URGES countries to spotlight the initiatives outlined in the Millennium Development  
26 Goals as well as emphasize the importance of further research to created sustainable  
27 development policies that are better suited to that country's needs;  
28  
29 4) REQUESTS the establishment of monetary aid to developing nations struggling to  
30 meet Sustainability Standards;  
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32 5) RECOGNIZES the efforts taken by corporation such as the International Institute for  
33 Sustainable Development and Nalco in dealing with raising awareness of the  
34 Repercussions of environmental negligence.



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**Submitted To: Economic and Social**

**Topic: Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals**

**Submitted By: Hungary**

1 Welcoming a new government that can advocate for rights of the subsequent generations, is a  
2 necessary action that can lead to a change in many areas of Hungary's environmental matters,  
3 and

4  
5 Mindful of the plans set forth, sustainable development strategies are the fundamental principles  
6 on the agenda, and

7  
8 Determined to further strategies, the government has considered adding plans to continue the  
9 satisfactory yield in many services such as, improve health programs, migration, sport  
10 development, business services, social justice services, and environmental stability, and

11  
12 Considering the weaknesses: unstable businesses, unknown development track, low amount of  
13 goods being exchanged, polarized knowledge based on social class and regional differences,

14  
15 1) Calls upon other nations to help educate personnel in medical fields in order to  
16 improve the overall service and experience;

17  
18 2) Supports the addition of higher learning institutions (e.g. universities and technical  
19 schools) to attract skilled individuals to integrate them into our society, these individuals will not  
20 only provide stability in the economy but will improve business infrastructure;

21  
22 3) Reiterates the fact that increases in migration numbers will improve diversity within  
23 the social classes and lessen regional differences;

24  
25 4) Expresses its thanks and appreciation to nations that wish to help provide means to a  
26 better-facilitated sustainable development plan.



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**Submitted To: Economic and Social**

**Topic: Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals**

**Submitted By: Iran**

1 Stressing the fact that the richest 20% of the world accounts for 75% of the global income, in  
2 order to stabilize the uneven distribution of wealth as well as the failing economy, global  
3 sustainable development needs to be achieved, and  
4

5 Taking into account that without stabilizing the distribution of wealth the results would be  
6 detrimental to the economic success of future generations, actions must be put forth from the  
7 wealthier United Nations countries, and  
8

9 Bearing in Mind the former efforts put into effect through global reconstruction following the  
10 Second World War, and  
11

12 Noting with regret that these efforts were damaged by unfortunate corruption and arrogance  
13 between nations, and  
14

15 Emphasizing that the economic prosperity of struggling countries will help to close the global  
16 wage gap and improve the welfare of Eastern nations, and  
17

- 18 1) Recommends the reconciliation of feuding nations in order to focus on global  
19 economic stabilization;  
20
- 21 2) Promotes the reform of global welfare programs to assist struggling countries prior to  
22 tackling economic stability;  
23
- 24 3) Suggests the practice of macroeconomic stabilization to focus on the entirety of the  
25 world's economy including behavior, performance, and structure in an effort to  
26 control global inflation and regulate the growth of money;  
27
- 28 4) Requests for cooperation between nations to maintain this global sustainable  
29 development;  
30
- 31 5) Urges the UN to bring together a summit in an attempt to avoid unbalanced economic  
32 situations for future generations.  
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**Subject: Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals**

**Sponsored By: South Africa**

**Submitted To: Economic and Social**

1 CONCERNED that the South African economy has done little to bridge the gap between  
2 the wealthy and the unfortunate, thus causing hostility in the nation, and

3  
4 STRESSING the fact that many older generations of uneducated African men and women  
5 struggle to find jobs depending on donations for help, and

6  
7 ALARMED by the outbreak of HIV and AIDS that the government faces due to the  
8 bedridden public health system, but

9  
10 ENCOURAGED by the fact that the government is civilizing housing situations and  
11 facilities for numerous, and

12 NOTING that 25% of Africa's goods are or export which creates more revenue;

13  
14 1.) URGES the United Nations to respect one another in order to  
15 sojourn the aggression;

16  
17 2.) REQUESTS the United Nations to provide an education for the new  
18 generation of Africans to promote the importance of substantial occupations;

19 3.) SUGGESTS that the United Nations establish facilities to rid the communities  
20 of HIV and AIDS spreading throughout the nation.  
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Submitted To: ECOSOC

Topic: Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals

Submitted By: China

1 **AWARE** of the implementation of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) by the  
2 United Nations at Rio +20 and their overall success in the span of the last 25 years, and  
3

4 **EMPHASIZES** the MDG's expire in 2015 and new sustainable development goals that not only  
5 continue the work of the MDG's, but differ from them in innovative ways that will even better  
6 impact lives around the world, need to be implemented to continue the work of achieving a  
7 greater quality of life for all people, while  
8

9 **MINDEFUL OF** the tremendous impact of poverty on the success and advancement of  
10 developing countries, and henceforth the success of any development goals, even on a global  
11 scale, and  
12

13 **CONSCIOUS** of the achievement of the goal set by the United Nations in 1990 to halve the  
14 number of people living in extreme poverty by 2015, although 1.2 billion people still live on  
15 under \$1.25 per day according to the Millennium Development Goals Report, 2014, and  
16

17 **REALIZES** recent financial and economic conditions have hindered some countries from  
18 wholly contributing to the effort to eradicate poverty, yet  
19

20 1) **SUGGESTS** the eradication of poverty and global development continue to remain main  
21 focuses of any future development agendas  
22

23 2) **AFFIRMS** China's belief in inclusive development as an effective, permanent solution to  
24 poverty  
25

26 3) **REQUESTS** The United Nations consider the use of technology and the involvement of  
27 the general public in future development goals in order to bring a new face to the global  
28 effort to end poverty and hunger  
29

30 4) **HOPES** through the continued efforts of the United Nations, worldwide poverty and  
31 hunger rates keep declining, and developing countries advance not only economically,  
32 but also in their health and overall quality of life



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



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Topic: Sustainable Goals  
Submitted to: Economic and Social  
Submitted by: Finland

1 **TAKING NOTE** of countries who lack the infrastructure to support electricity, and

2  
3 **MINDFUL** that with cheap electricity developing countries could move themselves out of  
4 poverty, and

5  
6 **CALLING ATTENTION TO** the use of freshwater and saltwater systems as an area for  
7 implementing water power generators known as hydroelectric power, and

8  
9 **CONFIDENT** the world will rally together to help developing countries become energy  
10 independent;

- 11  
12 1) **ASKS** developed countries to help aid third world nations by providing them with the  
13 resources to implement hydroelectric power plants;  
14  
15 2) **CALLS UPON** developed countries to help to implement training programs for the  
16 new energy technologies;  
17  
18 3) **EXPRESSES HOPE** that with the new energy technologies third world countries  
19 can become more sustainable and self-sufficient.  
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Submitted To: EcoSoc  
Topic: Sustainable Development  
Submitted By: Rwanda

1 NOTING WITH GREAT CONCERN that many countries do not have access to the  
2 advanced methods of sustainable development that are taken for granted in many first  
3 world countries, and

4  
5 FULLY UNDERSTANDING that the 20% highest income nations are responsible for  
6 86% of the world personal consumption while the 20% of the lowest income nations are  
7 responsible for a very minuscule 1.3% of the world's personal consumption, and

8  
9 STRESSING WITH URGENCY that over 1 billion people in the world suffer daily from  
10 hunger and starvation and 2-3.5 billion people worldwide suffer from vitamin and mineral  
11 deficiencies while there are over 1.2 billion people in 1st world countries  
12 suffering from obesity, and

13  
14 FURTHER EMPHASIZING that half of the world's population lives on approximately  
15 two dollars a day while a select few hundred millionaires own more in monetary value  
16 than 2.5 billion average citizens of all impoverished nations, and

17  
18 APPALLED IN REALIZING that many hundreds of thousands are dying due to this lack  
19 of sustainable development that is brought about by their lack of monetary gain;

- 20  
21 1.) STRONGLY SUGGESTS the creation and funding of a non-government  
22 organization (NGO's) to supply and educate impoverished countries with the  
23 tools they require to begin their sustainable development;  
24  
25 2.) IMPLORES wealthier nations to either create or assist in the creation and  
26 funding of these NGO's to help spread much needed development to counties  
27 that are in dire need of assistance;  
28  
29 3.) DEEPLY WISHES that the many wealthier countries who agreed in 1970 to give  
30 0.7% of their annual GNI (Gross National Income) to an official international  
31 development aid would recognize and actually give their agreed upon allotment;  
32  
33 4.) HGHLY RECOMMENDS that impoverished nations accept the assistance they  
34 are receiving and possibly create an organized strategy for improving their  
35 nation's development with the financial and educational aid provided by the  
36 aforementioned NGO's and any other donating parties.  
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**Submitted To: Economic and Social**  
**Topic: Implementing Sustainable Development Goals**  
**Submitted By: Argentina**

1 **ENCOURAGED** by the voluntary partnerships and commitments made by governments, intergovernmental  
2 organizations, and other groups that aim to contribute to the agreed intergovernmental sustainable  
3 development, and  
4

5 **APPLAUDS** the creative use of current structures for economically efficient sustainable development, such as  
6 old warehouses converted to vertical farming and green houses, and the use of alternate energy resources, such  
7 as sun and wind power, and  
8

9 **GRIEVED** by the lack of assistance provided to developing countries to further expand their developing  
10 infrastructure, and  
11

12 **TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** that developed countries could possibly decrease their energy demand from 3.4  
13 to 1.4 by switching to lower energy-consuming lighting, more energy efficient means of transportation, and  
14 using alternate energy resources, such as wind and solar, and  
15

16 **NOTING WITH GRAVE CONCERN** that in 2013, the worldwide greenhouse gas emissions reached 39  
17 billion metric tons, which is 61% higher than in 1990, the baseline year of the Kyoto Protocol, and  
18

19 **APPRECIATING** the efforts and initiatives made by the Rio 20 and Agenda 21: A Programme of Action for  
20 Sustainable Development in order to achieve the set Sustainable Development goals;  
21

- 22 1.) **RECOMMENDS** that all countries that did not sign Agenda 21 do so in order to further achieve  
23 the goals stated in Agenda 21;  
24
- 25 2.) **URGES** developed countries to donate extra budgetary funds to developing countries in order to  
26 assist with the expansion and building of Sustainable Development infrastructure;  
27
- 28 3.) **SUGGESTS** that all developed countries switch to the lower energy-consuming resources in  
29 order to cut down on hazardous waste materials being released into the world;  
30
- 31 4.) **REQUESTS** that countries work to further reduce their greenhouse gas emissions in order to  
32 create a more stable environment, thus giving future generations a better chance of providing for  
33 themselves;  
34
- 35 5.) **INVITES** countries to share resources and technological advancements in order to make  
36 measurable progress in achieving critical Sustainable Development projects;  
37
- 38 6.) **RECOMMENDS** that the leaders of member states work to achieve a Sustainable Development  
39 plan that is flexible in order for developing countries to take part in the Sustainable Development  
40 movement;  
41
- 42 7.) **CALLS UPON** developed countries to provide a model for developing and emerging countries to  
43 achieve sustainable development objectives by abandoning unsustainable methods of  
44 development;  
45
- 46 8.) **REQUESTS** the Bretton Woods Institutions incorporate sustainable development objectives into  
47 their development projects.  
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Submitted To: Economic Social  
Topic: Human Settlements Program  
Submitted By: Ethiopia

1 **Noting with grave concern** that there are hundreds of millions of homeless people who are  
2 lacking adequate shelter, who cannot afford to pay for it themselves, and who rely on high  
3 standing authority to provide them with the homes and villages they desperately need, and  
4

5 **Stressing** that 4.6 million children are orphaned and living on the street, desperately needing the  
6 United Nations full cooperation to end their plight, and  
7

8 **Appreciating** the effort put forth by the United Nations Human Settlements Program which is  
9 supposed to provide socially and environmentally stable towns and cities to provide adequate  
10 shelter for all, but  
11

12 **Determined** that in order for a person to survive they need the basic necessities of food, water,  
13 clothing, and shelter, and  
14

15 **Having regarded** the United Nations efforts to end homelessness, requests that the United  
16 Nations takes immediate action to end the homeless crisis throughout the world, and  
17

- 18 1) **Stresses** the need for furthering of this program to provide lifesaving care for  
19 millions of people around the entire globe who cannot provide for their own  
20 housing needs, and  
21
- 22 2) **Emphasizes** the need for the intensification of this life saving program by further  
23 funding and expanding the Human Settlements Program, and  
24
- 25 3) **Invites** that all of the nations around the globe take immediate action to extend  
26 the Human Settlements Program which will make the lives of millions of  
27 homeless people better, and  
28
- 29 4) **Implores** the full cooperation of the United Nations to access and solve the  
30 problem of lack of ample housing for all people in the world to not only survive  
31 but to flourish, and  
32
- 33 5) **Suggests** that the United Nations take immediate and full action to end the misery  
34 of millions of people around the globe living without shelter to protect themselves  
35 from the harsh elements of the world we live in and to provide them with a stable  
36 and safe home life.  
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Submitted To: The Economic and Social Council

Topic: Human Settlements Program

Submitted By: Portugal

**Recognizing** that the United Nations is pushing towards urbanization in many poor countries, mostly in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean through the UN-Habitat program with an optimistic goal that six out of every ten people in the world will reside in urban areas by 2030,

**Conscious** of the fact that with rapid urbanization comes an overall decrease in quality of living standards, resulting in subpar housing, unhealthy environments, and unemployment,

**Stressing** the necessity of building sustainable, quality living communities and avoiding the easy option of a quick-fix, while ignoring the inevitability of those communities collapsing after a short period of time,

**Complementing** the longevity of the program, mandated in 1978 by the General Assembly, and the endurance of the efforts put forth, culminating in action in over 70 different countries, 400 core staff, and up to 2,000 project personnel,

**Noting** the diversity of the program, acting in many different situations such as post-disaster reconstruction programs, slum growth, and housing problems,

**Understanding** that most of the funding and workforce comes from voluntary labor and donations with additional core funding from the General Assembly,

- 1) **Requesting** that the core funding continue as normal, and perhaps additional funds for the case of an emergency, such as a natural disaster similar to the earthquake in Haiti,
- 2) **Suggesting** that additional support be sent to certain trouble spots, including Kilifi, Kenya, in order to improve living conditions in slums all over the world,
- 3) **Stressing** also the plan for damage resilience programs in disaster common spots such as coastal regions and small island countries like Haiti and others in the Caribbean,
- 4) **Hopes** that the UN-Habitat program will continue to do its good work with financial help from the General Assembly and labor help from many outlying sources.



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**Submitted To: Economic and Social  
Topic: Human Settlements Programs  
Sponsored By: Germany**

- 1 Taking into account that with the new threat of ISIS, three million Syrians are displaced from their
- 2 homes, and
- 3 Stressing that after the war is over the people of Syria will proceed to go home and form some sort of
- 4 government, and
- 5 Fully Acknowledging that dozens of nations have already donated to funds to support Syrian refugees:
- 6     1) Calls upon all capable countries start more funds for these recently displaces;
- 7     2) Urges Other nations to take in refugees and provide humanitarian aid and financial support in
- 8     this time of need.



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



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**Submitted To: Economic & Social**

**Topic: Human Settlements Program**

**Submitted By: Nigeria**

1 Cognizant of the fact that Nigeria has a very high degree of risk for major infectious diseases and  
2 viral diseases including HIV, AIDS, and Ebola, and

3  
4 Recognizing the lack of physicians, hospitals, and even basic healthcare services, and

5  
6 Concerned that there is a lack of any sanitation in the country of Nigeria, and

7  
8 Mindful that Nigeria's economy is currently flourishing with the dominant source of oil, and

9  
10 Expressing deep concern in the mortality rate and loss of population factoring in the many deaths  
11 due to said diseases, and

12  
13 Endorsing both time, work, and money from both Nigeria and other countries as well as citizens  
14 of the country;

15  
16 Promote sanitation in communities to help decrease the spread of diseases;

17  
18 Calls upon countries with better-trained physicians to send doctors and nurses to help get  
19 the epidemics under control;

20  
21 Requests for volunteers to help get hospitals and medical settlements built so there is  
22 somewhere for affected people to get help;

23  
24 Expresses its appreciation for any help given to Nigeria.



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



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Submitted To: Economic Social  
Topic: Human Settlements Program  
Submitted By: Uganda

1 **CONFIDENT** that with the help of more developed nations, The United Nations will be able to  
2 implement a well-planned, well-governed, efficient urbanized community, and  
3

4 **TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** that this goal includes providing adequate housing, infrastructure,  
5 and universal access to employment and basic services such as water, energy, and sanitation, and  
6

7 **EMPHASIZING** that 783 million people on Earth have no access to safe drinking water, 40%  
8 of the world population does not use improved sanitation facilities, an estimated 100 million  
9 people worldwide are homeless, and approximately 205 million people worldwide were  
10 unemployed in 2013, and  
11

12 **RECOGNIZING** the creation of the Habitat Agenda of 1996, and the organization of a  
13 medium-term strategy approach for each successive six year period, and  
14

15 **INSPIRED** by foundations such as UNHHSF, United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements  
16 Foundation, the first official UN body dedicated to efficient urbanization, established on January  
17 1, 1975 by the United Nations General Assembly, and  
18

19 **STRESSING** that this goal may only be achieved through the cooperation and support from all  
20 countries in the United Nations;  
21

22 1.) **SUGGESTS** that the United Nations highly prioritizes the Human Settlements  
23 Program;  
24

25 2.) **CALLS UPON** all member-nations to coordinate policies and actions related to slum-  
26 upgrading, environmental management, infrastructure development, service delivery and  
27 poverty-reduction in order to reach the goal of achieving a significant improvement in the  
28 lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by the year 2020;  
29

30 3.) **RECOGNIZING** the current efforts of the United Nations in their attempt to provide  
31 obtainable resources and structure for a healthy lifestyle for all humans.



**Submitted To: Economic and Social**

**Topic: Human Settlements**

**Submitted By: Pakistan**

1 Emphasizing the role of the Human Settlements Program UN Habitat to help create  
2 environmentally sustainable and safe residences for all peoples as mandated by the UN General  
3 Assembly; and

4  
5 Recognizing the global demographic shift toward urbanization especially in Africa, Asia, Latin  
6 America, and the Caribbean as 60% of the global populace is expected to live in an urban center  
7 by 2030; and

8  
9 Preparing urban centers any for future economic, social, or political turmoil, especially in the  
10 Middle East and Africa, and other areas where social unrest is present; and

11  
12 Countering the threat posed to urban centers around the world by the Ebola virus, especially in  
13 Africa; and,

14  
15 Raising Awareness to the role and active presence of the UN Habitat Program throughout the  
16 world;

- 17  
18 1) Supports world leaders who encourage the UN Habitat program or align with the UN  
19 development agenda through their policies and laws;  
20  
21 2) Implores that underdeveloped countries with rapidly growing urban centers gain  
22 support from the UN with a wide range of resources, including aid in directing this  
23 support toward environmentally sustainable and safe residences for all peoples.;  
24  
25 3) Suggests that developed countries, to the best of their ability, directly aid the  
26 undeveloped countries through economic or concrete support;  
27  
28 4) Encourages strongly that all countries be adequately prepared for any economic or  
29 social turmoil, that is: able to adequately support its urban population during times of  
30 economic unrest by ensuring access to basic needs such as food and shelter, and able  
31 to quickly secure its borders in the case of a global pandemic, such as Ebola.;  
32  
33 5) Stresses using the wide influence of the UN to raise global awareness to the UN  
34 Habitat program and its goals and influence.



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# **MODEL UNITED NATIONS**



**Submitted To: Economic and Social  
Topic: Human Settlements Program  
Submitted By: Japan**

Recognizing that the human settlement program or United Nations Habitat (UN-Habitat) was developed by the United Nations as an afford to lessen poverty throughout the world, and

Realizing that the human settlements program was created to improve the lives of many different people who have been affected in some way by poverty, and

Understanding the human settlements program works to better the lives of many who may have unhuman or improper living conditions by improving their housing and also creating a more sanitary environment by developing an access to safe water and sanitary living, and

Emphasizing the goal created by the General Assembly, Millennium Declaration, to target and achieve a greater development in human settlements that can improve many lives worldwide, and

Affirming the growth of the program in many different countries worldwide, and

Recalling the possibilities that human settlement present to countries with a large amount of poverty, to decrease the amount of poverty and help people gain a better living space and have a better means of sanitation, and

Endorsing the opportunities human settlements has for many people to improve their lifestyle with a better way to live and have a sanitary environment;

- 1) Recommends that nations with a large control over poverty in their country provide ideal support through communication and means of relief support to allow the country to get on their feet and gain control over the problem;
- 2) Requests for other countries to be able to send relief aid to those countries in poverty and have people there to make sure that the relief effort is still working and fixing the problems;
- 3) Calls Upon countries without a human settlements program to establish one and allow it to work with the country by fixing and improving many people's lifestyles in poverty;

34 4) Urges other countries to see the benefit this program has by establishing one to improve  
35 life styles in countries.





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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



2/8

Submitted To: Economic and Social Council

Topic: Human Settlements Program

Submitted By: France

1 Alarmed by the fact that hundreds of thousands of refugees from conflict areas from Syria,  
2 having been forced to flee their homes, are now attempting to find shelter in countries that make  
3 little or no attempt to help them, and  
4

5 Aware of the fact that in order for these displaced people to have any chance of long-term  
6 survival, the United Nations must put forth an effort to aid the less-developed nations of the  
7 Middle East to help care for the Syrian refugees, and  
8

9 Concerned by the fact that few nations have put forward a nationwide effort to help these  
10 Refugees in their time of need, as more and more people are displaced every day by the Syrian  
11 conflict and that the refugees are forced to live in places with little access to electricity,  
12 plumbing, and clean water, and  
13

14 Grieved by the way the refugees have been treated in the nations they have fled to, as they have  
15 been exploited and ignored while more of their number pour in to these neighboring nations, and  
16

17 Realizing that the only way these refugees will be able to look forward to a comfortable future is  
18 for the developed of the world to get involved and help these refugees to return to an acceptable  
19 standard of living, and  
20

- 21 1) Appeals to the more developed nations of the world to send aid to the aggrieved  
22 countries so that they can better cope with the influx of refugees;  
23
- 24 2) Calls upon capable nations to find a permanent home for these displaced Syrians, as  
25 they will be unlikely to return to Syria for several years;  
26
- 27 3) Expresses its regret that terrorist organizations have used the opportunity of the  
28 Syrian conflict to seize the few aid workers that have traveled to Syria to help;  
29
- 30 4) Notes with appreciation that many aid workers continue to travel to the Middle East  
31 and the aggrieved countries, despite that obvious risks;  
32
- 33 5) Urges the United Nations to shift more attention in the form of funds and volunteers  
34 to what is becoming known as the greatest humanitarian crisis of our era, and to help  
35 the refugees involved in finding new places to live since they have been displaced  
36 from Syria.



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



2/9

**Submitted To: Economic and Social**

**Topic: Human Settlements Programs**

**Submitted By: Ukraine**

**STRESSING** the urgency for action to be taken on the increasingly problematic topic of the people of our world finding themselves without a home, and

**NOTING** the actions already in place, specifically the UN-habitat program, spreading aid to help the development of a better urban environment to ensure a better future for those living in less than humane situations around the globe, and

**EMPHASIZING** it is not enough to just idly stand by leaving countless amounts of people without proper settlements in even the most wealthy of nations despite previous attempts to give as many people proper living conditions, and

**REALIZING** the true impacts of improper living conditions around the globe and the the toils they take not only on the sole individuals or families but impediment of the possibility of reaching true prosperity in all countries of the world,

**SEEKING** unity between nations to address this ever increasing problem created by war, famine, and an inability to cooperate as one to fix the problems of those who cannot, without our help find an answer to the problem of living without a proper home or settlement;

- 1) **ENCOURAGES** the implementation of wider spread temporary housing for those displaced by the tragedy of war in their own countries in order to start forming and rebuilding permanent housing for those in dire need new living spaces;
- 2) **CALLS UPON** nations willing to donate resources to the greater good of spreading hope to those who are in turmoil over not having proper and sustainable living conditions;
- 3) **RECOMMENDS** promoting a greater sense of unity between federal and private agencies to get the much needed aid to those in need of more contemporary housing and greater opportunity for a new life;
- 4) **IMPLORES** all nations to do their part rallying support and spreading the awareness for those with inadequate living situations around the globe and in even the most prosperous of countries;
- 5) **FURTHER REMINDS** all nations insists that in aftermaths of crisis that displacement of those affected will not be overlooked and will be sent aid in order to reestablish stable living conditions in accordance with those affected.



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Submitted To: Economic Social

Topic: Digital Divide

Submitted By: Brazil

1 **Recognizing** that the internet and technology has become an integral part of education and  
2 business as well as general human interaction, and  
3

4 **Expressing deep concern** that 61% of the world's population does not have access to Internet  
5 services, and a lack of access to technology has been shown to limit one's economic potential,  
6 and  
7

8 **Noting** the lack of efforts made towards increasing information infrastructure in developing and  
9 underdeveloped countries, and  
10

11 **Mindful** of the report given on the digital divide included in the Conference on Trade and  
12 Development in 2004, highlighting the importance of technology to a countries economic  
13 development, and  
14

15 **Commends** United Nations efforts such as the World Information Society Day, which raises  
16 awareness for technological disparities in countries;  
17

18 1.) **Invites** nations to fund and or establish programs such as the One Laptop per Child  
19 Initiative, which provides educational technology for children in developing  
20 countries;  
21

22 2.) **Calls upon** nations to increase core information infrastructures in technologically  
23 disadvantaged countries, such as telephone lines and satellite dishes, as well as  
24 education on how to use the new technologies so that individuals with internet access  
25 in said countries have the means to make use of the vast array of data available on the  
26 internet and technology in general;  
27

28 3.) **Recommends** driving down the cost of information use through more research of  
29 new technologies in order to allow more individuals and countries to improve their  
30 economic status;  
31

32 4.) **Suggests** increased education of how the digital divide limits a person's future  
33 economic and social capital and an expansion of the UN Information Technology  
34 Service as well as increased use of volunteers to distribute materials and knowledge  
35 as has been done in the past.



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Submitted To: Economic and Social

Topic: Digital Divide

Submitted By: Canada

**AWARE** many people in the developing world do not have high power broad band, and

**EMPHASIZES** that in the year 2000 only 4 percent of the world had internet, and

**ALARMED** that a few people in devolving countries have access to computers, phones, internet access, and

**CONCERNED** by the number of people who do not have internet and computer literacy skills, and

**BEARING IN MIND** that many 22<sup>nd</sup> century jobs require digital literacy and those workers who do not have those skills will left behind, and

**STRESSING** that many low income families do have the financial means necessary to purchase computers and other digital devices, and

**APPRECIATING THE EFFORTS** made by a member of states to increases the use of information technology recommendations outlined by the Geneva 2003 and Tunis 2005 WSIS conferences;

- 1.) **CALLS UPON** the member states to increase the number of people that have internet;
- 2.) **REQUESTS** that member states increase the number of computers and other technologies that are given to lesser developed counties;
- 3.) **URGES** member states increase the number of classes teaching computer typing and literacy skills;
- 4.) **RECOGNIZES** that those workers without the above mentioned skills will be left out of the work force;
- 5.) **RECOMMENDS** that member states create training facilities in near centers where jobs that require digital literacy will be used;
- 6.) **SUGGESTS** that member states should best practice to increase the use of information technology recommendations.



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



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Submitted To: Economic and Social

Topic: Digital Divide

Submitted By: Panama

1 **BEARING IN MIND** 60% of internet users worldwide are in developed countries, and

2  
3 **RECOGNIZING** 2/3 of mobile broadband subscriptions are in developed regions, and

4  
5 **APPALLED** that 2 out of every 3 people in the world do not have internet access, and

6  
7 **ENCOURAGED** that internet access has been made a legal right in certain countries such as  
8 Estonia, France, Greece, Finland, and Spain, and

9  
10 **MINDFUL** that many member states have granted citizens internet access and internet use in  
11 accordance with article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and

12  
13 **TAKING NOTE** that the Digital Access Index (DAI) was made in 2003 to measure the  
14 information and Communications Technology (ICT), and

15  
16 **APPRECIATING** that the efforts of the public and private sector in mitigating the discrepancy  
17 between developed and developing member states;

18  
19 1.) **REQUESTS** that member states increase monetary support to developing countries to  
20 increase internet access;

21  
22 2.) **DIRECTS** member states to increase resources to build capacity in developing  
23 countries by building infrastructure to meet additional demands;

24  
25 3.) **SUGGESTS** that member states takes steps to provide internet to all countries;

26  
27 4.) **ENCOURAGES** all countries to educate their people on the use of internet and other  
28 digital technologies;

29  
30 5.) **RECOGNIZES** the importance of closing the digital divide in order to provide  
31 internet to all the developing countries;

32  
33 6.) **ENCOURAGED** by the growth that has occurred through the investments of  
34 technology to promote change and cooperation.  
35



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



3/4

**Submitted To: Economic and Social**

**Topic: Digital Divide**

**Submitted By: Bolivia**

1 RECOGNIZING that in the era that we live in now, technology is becoming more and more  
2 apart of everyday life, while economically developing countries like Bolivia are falling way  
3 short of the status quo, and

4  
5 CONFIDENT that the Internet is essential to sharing, educating, trading, and  
6 communication all over the world, and

7  
8 BELIEVING that if the digital divide were to be reduced, putting some of the newly  
9 developing countries more ahead than before, and

10  
11 MINDFUL that wireless internet is expensive to obtain, especially when Bolivians are  
12 making less than \$3,000 a year, and

13  
14 STRESSING that more technology in the country could help the economy rise and  
15 unemployment rates go down, and

16  
17 EXPRESSING DEEP CONCERN that if a developing country were to fall behind as a whole  
18 in technology, they would not be seen as an electronic marketplace and would be  
19 disregarded by the world;

20  
21 1. REQUESTS aid from other countries that may have old or unused computers that  
22 the other countries may wish to donate or Bolivia can pay for them at a significantly  
23 reduced price;

24  
25 2. WELCOMES any type of organization that can provide hands-on training for the  
26 people that have computers and are unsure how to operate them;

27  
28 3. SUGGESTS certain laws to be passed that if a person owns a computer and gives  
29 enough community service to helping people understand the computer, that person  
30 would get a money reward;

31  
32 4. DEMANDS certain expectations in technology progress in Bolivia that if not met q  
33 by a certain year are more heavily funded and supervised.



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# **MODEL UNITED NATIONS**



**Submitted To: Economic and Social**

**Topic: Digital Divide**

**Submitted By: Jordan**

1 AWARE that digital divide is the gap between those with access to modern day technology  
and

2 those without, and

3

4 NOTING WITH APPROVAL that 50% of Jordan's households have at least one main line

5 telephone, 40% have a PC, 95% have a cell phone, and the government is providing every  
6 university student a laptop in partnership with the private sector, and

7

8 EMPHASIZING that Jordan's technology is rapidly increasing and expanding, and

9

10 KEEPING IN MIND that access to the most current technology is becoming increasingly  
11 necessary for better education, medical research, economic growth and equality;

12

13 1) REMINDS the most technologically advanced countries of the need for  
increased 14 access to modern technology in the developing world;

15

16 2) CALL UPON leading technological nations to make the latest innovations  
more

17 available to the developing world;

18

19 3) FURTHER RECOMMENDS that leaders of technology make modern  
technology 20 more affordable for developing countries.



**Submitted To: Economic and Social**

**Topic: Digital Divide**

**Submitted By: Lebanon**

1 **STRESSING** the fact that digital divide is a continuous problem that affects the uniformity of  
2 this earth and its nations, universal advancements in the field of technology must be made if we,  
3 as a unity, are to move forward, and  
4

5 **PUTTING EMPHASIS ON** the fact that developed nations must put forth necessary financial  
6 aid in which nations in need can build their technology fields up to the prowess of the United  
7 Nations, and  
8

9 **RECOGNIZING** prior efforts to aid these underdeveloped nations in the form of economics  
10 and  
11

12 **NEVERTHELESS CONCERENED** with the lack of communication between neighboring  
13 developed countries sand less developed nations due to the massive gap between technological  
14 advancements sustained by this severe lack of communication which should be remedied by the  
15 bestowing of such technologically precious information on such major advancements, and  
16

17 **FURTHER STRESSING** that the economies of such nations (including the United Nations')  
18 that are being aided will flourish along with the lives of countless individuals not to mention the  
19 overall wellbeing of our planet;  
20

21 1) **STRESSES** the necessity of communication amongst developed countries and less  
22 developed countries so that international harmony can be established;  
23

24 2) **WOULD ENJOY** the welcoming of such technologies into the households of  
25 underdeveloped countries so that such technologies can be instated as a promoter of  
26 easier living on an international basis;  
27

28 3) **AM LOOKING FORWARD TO** the hopeful improvements in terms of communication  
29 and the steps in the right direction that are to come.





Submitted To: Economic and Social Council

Topic: Digital Divide

Submitted By: Venezuela

1 Recognizing the fact that the access of internet in Venezuela has notably increased in the past  
2 decade, although the pace of this said increase has slightly slowed compared to other countries  
3 around the world, and

4  
5 Taking note that in the year of 2008, a deal was made with the country of Portugal to buy 1  
6 million child-friendly laptops to distribute to the country, which was done in hopes to help  
7 improve the education for Venezuelan children, and

8  
9 Stressing that there are many obstacles for citizens to be able to access the internet: lack of  
10 service, geographic isolation in rural areas, low computer literacy, and the expense of equipment,  
11 and

12  
13 Considering the point that the smaller, impoverished cities are not able to afford the same  
14 amount of technology and equipment that allows internet access as the larger, more profound  
15 cities, and

16  
17 Emphasizing that not only smaller cities, but smaller, third-world countries around the world  
18 may not be able to provide the same kind of internet access as those who are larger and have the  
19 ability to provide the correct amount of money that goes towards buying the right equipment, and

- 20  
21 1) Calls upon the help of the president and other important government officials to make  
22 substantial use of the internet to dominate online discussions on the topic;  
23  
24 2) Approves of the efforts of the ruling party, and its avid supporters, to manipulate  
25 online conversations, discredit opposition voices, and encourage self-censorship;  
26  
27 3) Notes with satisfaction that their citizens are remarkably devoted users of the internet,  
28 meaning that a great deal of money will be used to try and distribute the correct  
29 equipment to all cities, who can afford it;  
30  
31 4) Acknowledges that there is a profound digital divide in the country and that there are  
32 some cities who are completely without access to the internet, causing for problems  
33 with communication;  
34  
35 5) Suggests that the larger, more prosperous cities in the country can help provide  
36 technological equipment to the smaller, poverty-stricken cities by possibly  
37 establishing a trade system, which could also apply to countries around the world.



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



3/8

Submitted To: Economical and Social

Topic: Digital Divide

Submitted By: United Kingdom

1 STATING that digital divide is the huge technological gap between developed countries and  
2 underdeveloped countries, and

3  
4 CONSIDERING that technology is moving faster each day and first world countries are advancing  
5 without problem and others nations are lacking a large deal of their population with no knowledge of the  
6 cyber world, and

7  
8 RECOGNIZING 4 million households in the United Kingdom are without the internet leaving people  
9 without great access to knowledge and occupation opportunities, and

10  
11 STESSING the fact that most countries that have access to broadband internet more that 30% of homes  
12 do not have internet access, and

13  
14 RECALLING that many people of a lower socioeconomic status have stated that internet access was  
15 helpful to their learning and career, the internet also helpful; many countries even depend on telephone  
16 usage so greatly, the government commands various places to have them, even though some countries  
17 lack a sufficient telephone service, and

18  
19 EFFECTINGLY telephone and internet connections have helped more people in ever day civil life  
20 including; criminal safety, laws, and welfare opportunities, and

- 21  
22 1. CALLING all countries to find out there residents assets and how many people lack the  
23 opportunities for jobs because they lack education of the internet to use it effectively, keep  
24 propaganda of Wi-Fi-hotspots for all people, and  
25  
26 2. HOPING advanced counties would help and bring much information and tactics to non-profit  
27 organizations to bring high-speed internet and telephone usage to small communities that cannot  
28 sacrifice the fees for such programs, and  
29  
30 3. NOTICING that in Oakland Comcast and Mobile citizens have a low cost internet access of \$10 a  
31 month, if more states could find and begin the businesses people may be able to take the time to  
32 learn the cyber world and interact with their local world more promptly, and  
33  
34 4. ASKING departments like DFEE(Departments of Education and Employment) that have award  
35 10 million to communities to test technology and bring the community over the digital bridge.  
36



Submitted To: Economic and Social

Topic: Digital Divide

Submitted By: Estonia

1 **BEARING IN MIND** that we are in a digital economic revolution, it is crucial that Estonia must  
2 not only be involved in the digital business world, but must be the forerunner of the movement,  
3 and  
4

5 **RECALLING** that Estonia has only 1.3 million citizens, it would be relatively easy to integrate  
6 the citizens into the digital economy, and  
7

8 **REMINDING** all nations of the May 17 World Information Society Day declared by the United  
9 Nations to raise recognition of societal reorders formed by the internet and to decrease the digital  
10 divide among world peoples, and  
11

12 **NOTING that** to begin with, only 32% of Estonians used the internet, and  
13

14 **REALIZING** that in our digital age, if citizens to unite with digital entrepreneurship sooner  
15 rather than later, Estonia's digital economy will grow to be one of the most functioning in the  
16 United Nations;  
17

18 1. **CALLING UPON** the United Nations to present grants to entrepreneurs to develop  
19 Business on the internet;  
20

21 2. **FURTHER INVITES** the economic stability as well as more  
22 Businesses working and prospering on the internet;  
23

24 3. **STRESSES** the further development of capitalism and entrepreneurship online;  
25

26 4. **REQUESTS** that the United Nations also present grants technology developers and  
27 Internet service providers to create more Wi-Fi and technology, thus making it easier to  
28 access the online businesses and help the online economy prosper.



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# **MODEL UNITED NATIONS**

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**Submitted To: Economic and Social**

**Topic: Digital Divide**

**Submitted By: Thailand**

Determined to promote awareness of the digital divide occurring throughout the nation, and

Noting the fact that 11% of the population is classified as poor and 1.1 million are with disabilities with no way to learn or become acquainted with any form of technology, and

Recognizing that .5 million people lack any citizenship and funds to support themselves much less afford internet access or digital devices, and

Taking into account that more than half of the disadvantaged or disabled have little to no access whatsoever to any form of internet access in order to work with any technology that they would possibly attain,

- 1) Requests funding from the public and private sectors for reducing information barriers in order to raise sufficient funds to be put towards technological advances;
- 2) Calls upon friendly neighboring nations to help support and supply disadvantaged Thailand citizens with upcoming technological devices and participate in the building of better wireless internet access;
- 3) Welcomes the creation of Information and Communication Technology centers to teach both the disadvantaged and disabled about new technological advances;
- 4) Stresses the persons with disabilities to acquire and be trained to use assistive technology devices and become better acquainted with the growing forms of technology that are present throughout many other nations.



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



3/11

Submitted To: Economic Social

Topic: Digital Divide

Submitted By: The United States of America

1 **Having considered** that the United Nations latest report predicts that approximately 3 billion  
2 people will have access to the internet by the end of 2014, and  
3

4 **Bearing in mind** that leaves 4.2 billion, 60% of the world population, unconnected from a  
5 resource that has the potential to create a strong international community, to educate populations  
6 intellectually and socially, and to allow for self-expression, and  
7

8 **Alarmed** that Europe, the most connected continent, has 55% more of its people connected than  
9 the least connected continent, Africa, and  
10

11 **Recognizing** that over 80% of internet websites are written in English, which is the native  
12 language of only a third of the internet's users, and  
13

14 **Emphasizing** that there are many other types of technology—including television and mobile—  
15 which are not available to many due to governmental restrictions, and  
16

17 **Welcoming** that an increasing number, now over 75%, of the world population has access to a  
18 mobile phone, and  
19

20 **Inspired** by the efforts of major organizations such as Facebook and Google to decrease the  
21 digital divide on an international level through campaigns such as Internet.org and Project Loon,  
22 in which aerospace technology is being used to bring low-priced, quality internet to all, and  
23

- 24 1.) **Urges** nations to understand the importance of technology, particularly internet, in the  
25 modern world to hold a less biased view of international affairs rather than only  
26 hearing government propaganda and to gain broader cultural perspective through  
27 communication with peoples of different backgrounds;  
28
- 29 2.) **Calls upon** all nations to stop attempting to gain loyalty and quell rebellions by  
30 deluding their people through a strong use of propaganda and a severely limited  
31 access to factual information, and to instead gain loyalty through reformation;  
32
- 33 3.) **Stresses** that the lack of variety of languages in media severely limits the ability of  
34 non-anglicized countries to utilize even the services already available, as well as  
35 decreasing the urge to make efforts to connect;  
36
- 37 4.) **Deplores** that efforts be made to make internet, television and all mediums of  
38 technology not only internationally available, but accessible breaking through  
39 language barriers;  
40
- 41 5.) **Authorizes** that the United Nations outreach to Facebook, Google, and other  
42 corporations to create and further their efforts to make quality technology more  
43 cheaply available through furthering aerospace engineering.



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Submitted To: Economic Social

Topic: Digital Divide

Submitted By: Kuwait

1 Noting with grave concern that an international digital divide can cause states to fall behind in  
2 technology, education, labor, democracy, and tourism, and  
3

4 Emphasizing that equal information and communication technologies are vital in every part of the world  
5 in order to promote a better world economy, and  
6

7 Stressing that when one state falls behind in information and communication technology it can have  
8 lasting regional and global effects, and  
9

10 Believing that all states should put forth all the necessary resources into bridging the international digital  
11 divide, but  
12

13 Realizing that it is not possible for many countries to put forth this effort when basic necessities are not  
14 being met including a reliable food sources and healthcare, and  
15

16 Mindful that information literacy is needed for such technologies to be used effectively and used to their  
17 fullest extent, and  
18

19 Encouraged by the effort that all countries have made by raising the percentage of internet users  
20 worldwide on every inhabited continent, and  
21

22 Confident that with effort from all member states that the international digital divide can be significantly  
23 closed which can lead to a better world for all, and  
24

- 25 1) Stresses the importance of more developed nations to assist underdeveloped nations in  
26 securing basic needs in order to help build a digital infrastructure;  
27
- 28 2) Recommends that nations who want to support bridging the global digital divide donate their  
29 resources to United Nations Technology Service and work with the United Nations  
30 Technology Service in an effort to level the global playing field on the digital level;  
31
- 32 3) Calls upon all developed nations to donate financial aid and physical computer parts or  
33 software to the United Nation Technology Service;  
34
- 35 4) Suggests that the United Nations Technology Service hold annual workshops all across the  
36 world in order to teach government officials and citizens from underdeveloped states how to  
37 use their new technology and for these workshops to be free of charge and open to all;  
38
- 39 5) Directs all member states, if possible, to set up committees in their own countries in order to  
40 promote bridging the digital divide on the national level.



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



3/13

**Submitted To: Economic and Social**

**Topic: Digital Divide**

**Submitted By: Belgium**

1 Aware of the actions put forward nationally during the World Summit on the Information  
2 Society by promoting the use of technology, making it more accessible to those who desire it,  
3 providing technological training, and  
4

5 Deploing the gender gap that exists in the technological professions, with women generally  
6 being less experienced despite 88.2% having access to computers with 93.4% also having  
7 internet access, and  
8

9 Concerned about the discrepancies in skill level of those using technology for educational,  
10 personal, or business related uses, and  
11

12 1) Calls upon those who are advanced in their specialized fields of technology to  
13 volunteer their skills to those who seek to learn from them;  
14

15 2) Instructs each country to discover which groups are at the highest disadvantage and  
16 target them for more intensive training;  
17

18 3) Welcomes suggestions of how to eliminate the digital divide between socioeconomic  
19 classes of individuals with different cultural and educational backgrounds;  
20

21 4) Applauds the work of the organization Close the Gap which provides technology,  
22 through donations, to underdeveloped nations who would not otherwise be able to afford it;  
23  
24



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



3/14

**Submitted To: Economic and Social**

**Topic: Digital Divide**

**Submitted By: Poland**

1 ALARMED by the amount of people not having access to, use of, or knowledge of information  
2 and communication technologies (ICT), and

3  
4 NOTING the technology gap between the developing countries and the developed countries, and

5  
6 REALIZING that technology is advancing and if the devolving countries will soon fall behind in  
7 education and technology, and

8  
9 RECONIZING without the access to the technology they are lacking on goods and services  
10 available through technology, and

11  
12 STRESSING that they can't just have the access to the technology they also need to be able to  
13 put it in effective use;

14  
15 1.) INVITES the nations to help make the technology readily available for the  
16 developing countries.

17  
18 2.) SUGGESTS that the UN develop a plan to raise money to get the technology to these  
19 developing countries.

20  
21 3.) DEVELOPING a better telephone system for the safety for the people in the  
22 developing countries.  
23  
24





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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



3/15

Submitted To: Economic and Social

Topic: Digital Divide

Submitted By: New Zealand

1 AWARE that a digital divide is recognized as a gap between the people that do and do not have  
2 access to technology and internet for information and that a digital divide can have a great effect  
3 on the social, cultural, economic, and educational position of a nation, and  
4

5 RECOGNIZING that the percentage range of penetration for internet use and access is 0.7% to  
6 96.9% and has a median of 41% and that that is less than half of a nation. These percentages  
7 show how large the gap is between nations who do and do not have access to technology and  
8 internet for information, and  
9

10 STRESSING that due to finance, economic, and social aspects, the ability to acquire technology  
11 and Internet that is needed is a struggle for many poor and developing countries, and  
12

13 ALARMED that due to the lack of technology in many nations there are separations in  
14 communication at times that are crucial and to solve this problem there needs to be initiatives of  
15 solutions;  
16

- 17 1. EMPHASIZES that the need for broader access to Internet and technology is vital  
18 for all countries;  
19
- 20 2. SUPPORTS training and education for people within the developing nations with  
21 the new technology so that there is proper use administered and the technology  
22 can be used to full capacity;  
23
- 24 3. DRAWS ATTENTION TO the fact that technology and Internet access are  
25 needed throughout a country for it to be able to thrive and prosper along with  
26 keep up with the ever changing social, educational, economic, and social stand  
27 point in the world.



Submitted To: Economic and Social

Topic: Digital Divide

Submitted By: Vietnam

1 TAKING NOTE that the digital divide is a socio-economic, dealing with the interaction of social  
2 and economic factors, gap between communities or factions whether it be at a national or  
3 international extent, and

4  
5 REALIZING that the gap is not necessarily decided by access to the internet, but by access to  
6 Information and Communications Technologies (ICT), and

7  
8 RECONGIZING that the countries with the least of its population connected are Myanmar,  
9 Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Congo, and Cambodia with 0.5 percent or less, while the countries with  
10 the most of its population connected are Finland, Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden, and Iceland  
11 with 82.6 percent or more, and

12  
13 EXPRESSING WITH DEEP CONCERN that this gap can put communications between  
14 countries in jeopardy, along with education to the citizens in countries that are not connected,  
15 and

16  
17 EMPHASIZING that civilians who are connected to high-speed internet tend to have a higher  
18 education and a higher income than civilians who do not have high-speed internet in the global  
19 economy, and

20  
21 CONCERNED with the significant gap in the global digital divide: about one third of the  
22 world's population, 2.3 billion, does not have access to the internet;

- 23  
24 1) URGES nations to make the cost of internet substantially more affordable, so that  
25 more citizens can afford it and make the gap smaller;  
26  
27 2) INVITES under-developed nations to establish cyber cafes, small lounge rooms  
28 that have free access to internet and communications that deal with the internet;  
29  
30 3) SUGGESTS that the United Nations hold an annual summit to discuss effective  
31 ways to close the gap, such as, establishing wireless lines throughout countries,  
32 more affordable costs, and high quality connections;  
33  
34 4) RECOMMENDS the United Nations to make a foundation that raises money to  
35 assist the under-developed countries in making connection lines throughout their  
36 country, in turn, closing the gap.



Submitted To: Economic and Social Committee

Topic: Digital Divide

Submitted By: India

1 AFFIRMING the need to close the digital divide, as access and the ability to use information and  
2 communications technologies (ICTs) is ever important in a global community where said  
3 technology can aid in health, social, and economic progress for anyone with ICTs, and  
4

5 REITERATING the many obstacles to overcome the digital divide, all of which need to be  
6 addressed, including the issues of physical, financial, socio-demographic, cognitive, political,  
7 and cultural access, and  
8

9 TAKING NOTE of the past discussion of the Digital Divide at World Summit on the  
10 Information Society and the restatement in this conference of the importance of an Information  
11 Society, an ideal environment for the world where society is centered around people and giving  
12 everyone the best access to ICTs, and  
13

14 CONCERNED, however, that the funding for programs to aid in the closing of the Digital  
15 Divide have not yet been resolved by the World Summit on the Information Society, and  
16

17 CONFIDENT that addressing the central Digital Divide issues of ICT program funding, physical  
18 access to ICTs, and political access to ICTs to the most complete degree possible will further  
19 propel the world to an Information Society state, and  
20

21 ENDORSING those Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and even private companies whose  
22 aid and spread of global commerce to areas without ICTs have helped to close the Digital Divide  
23 by spreading ICTs to the global populace;  
24

- 25 1) PROPOSES a global committee of aid funding distribution and organization be setup by  
26 the United Nations including representatives from every member nation, and that this  
27 committee use funding to assist in building up poverty-stricken and isolated, ICT-barren  
28 areas and then developing and distributing ICTs to these areas using funding allocated to  
29 said committee by member nations;  
30
- 31 2) URGES those member nations that are restricting ICTs in favor of political motives to  
32 cease doing so, as purposefully withholding ICTs from any populations of any nation is a  
33 major step backwards from an Information Society;  
34
- 35 3) INVITES private companies and NGOs to further invest and aid in bringing ICTs to the  
36 world population, as doing so will not only promote the closing of the Digital Divide but  
37 will also increase global economic activity.



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



3/18

**Submitted To:** Economic and Social

**Topic:** Digital Divide

**Submitted By:** Democratic People's Republic of Korea

1 AWARE OF the fact that 60% of the world is without internet access, and

2  
3 ACKNOWLEDGING that websites on the internet mainly consist of English as the main  
4 language, as of 2013, 800.6 million websites use the English language thus creating a major  
5 struggle for smaller, non-English speaking countries to access many world wide web pages, and

6  
7 STRESSING that the poorer countries are at a disadvantage and are falling behind on the  
8 information technology (IT) skills and other valuable knowledge on the internet,

9  
10 UNDERSTANDING that with the lack of these information technology (IT) skills people from  
11 these countries are unable to compete at an international level, and

12  
13 RECOGNISING that countries that have a higher education will benefit tremendously from  
14 highly trained citizens and in turn boosting the economic growth significantly, countries in a  
15 poorer state are at a critical deficit in their economic growth;

- 16  
17 1. CALLS UPON countries to organize a group that will provide third world countries with  
18 the assistance of increasing their overall knowledge regarding technology;  
19  
20 2. PROMOTES that all countries spread awareness of this world problem;  
21  
22 3. STRESSES that a change needs to be made in the cyber world providing that every  
23 website must consist of three different language formats;  
24  
25 4. STRONGLY SUGGETS the United Nations comes together to provide an overall  
26 solution to this major world problem we in today's society allowing third world countries  
27 and many other countries to succeed to the potential our world needs.  
28



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



**Topic: Digital Divide**

**Submitted to: Economic and Social**

**Submitted by: Republic of Kazakhstan**

1 RECOGNIZING the definition of digital divide (or digital split), according to the  
2 Webster online dictionary, is referred to as "the gap between demographics and regions  
3 that have access to modern information and communications technology, and those that  
4 don't or have restricted access", and  
5

6 BELIEVING that nations with limited access or no access to Information and  
7 Communications Technologies (ICT) lack improved economic equality, social mobility,  
8 democracy, literacy rates, economic growth, and  
9

10 NOTING WITH CONCERN that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)  
11 reports an estimation of eight hundred thousand villages or one billion people worldwide  
12 are absence of all reliable ICT, and  
13

14 RECALLING WITH REMORSE that adequate technological resources are unattainable  
15 for many students in lower-income school districts, a truth that is often detrimental to the  
16 success of such students' academic careers, and  
17

18 FURTHER NOTING that low-income nations have limited access to recent or advanced  
19 technology due to the high prices of personal computers, telecommunication systems,  
20 television, and other devices;  
21

22 1) URGES all nations with limited access or no access to ICT to distribute low-  
23 priced computers to trustworthy residents and/or bulk buy computers and  
24 telephones from technology suppliers for a more affordable/easily accessible  
25 price;  
26

27 2) ENCOURAGES technologically developing nations to begin nonprofit,  
28 marketing initiatives to focus on furthering the understanding of technology in  
29 these member states and providing community computers and telephones for  
30 residents;  
31

32 3) EXPRESSES THE NEED to maximize the availability and affordability of  
33 modern technology, especially services such as fixed broadband packages and  
34 other forms of information technology to citizens in developing nations;  
35

36 4) RECOMMENDS to the developed nations to donate technological or monetary  
37 aid to the other nations to lessen the complicated issue of digital divide around the  
38 world.



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS



3/20

Submitted To: Economic and Social Committee

Topic: Digital Divide

Submitted By: Belarus

1 RECOGNIZING that the definition of digital divide is the socioeconomic and other disparities  
2 that give nations the opportunity to work with digital resources and the nations that are not able  
3 to get the latest technological advancements, and  
4

5 MINDFUL that the digital divide may not necessarily be about technology but about the role that  
6 technology has in creating a sustainable and equitable global economy, and  
7

8 NOTING that there are several factors that play a role in determining the status of who is able to  
9 access digital resources and those who cannot, which include race, education, and income, and  
10

11 HAVING REVIEWED that the difference between those who can access digital resources and  
12 those who cannot, may not necessarily be determined by whether they have access to the Internet  
13 but whether or not they have access to ICT's (Information and Communications Technologies)  
14 and the media, and  
15

16 BEARING IN MIND that the ITU (International Telecommunications Union) has said that even  
17 though the cost of the digital resources has dropped drastically that the fixed-broadband services  
18 still remain 'too expensive' for many developing nations, and  
19

20 ENCOURAGED that the United Nations is beginning to discuss a possible plan of action to help  
21 'bridge' the gap of the digital divide, and  
22

23 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that most of the current service providers for the world are located  
24 in industrialized nations;  
25

- 26 1. SUGGESTS that the project of helping to bridge the digital divide, be divided into  
27 specific tasks, instead of trying to tackle the challenge all at once;  
28
- 29 2. URGES that the United Nations help set up universal access to digital resources and  
30 that they also help set up more community access centers and to continue to support  
31 the community access centers that have already been put in place, also that these  
32 centers hire more well-trained technical staff;  
33
- 34 3. INVITES nations to start better educating their citizens on the newest technological  
35 advancements and that the more developed nations pass on this information to the  
36 underdeveloped nations, in order to aid in better educating these nations;  
37
- 38 4. APPRECIATES the effort the United Nations is exerting to help in 'bridging' the  
39 divide.