

## **Economic and Social Council**

### *I. Review of the Declaration and Programme of Action of the International Conference of Population and Development*

On the topic of reviewing the Declaration and Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, we wish to continue the examination into this crucially important topic. There are many great challenges and relationships between population growth and the steady economic development the world is facing in the context of sustaining development. At this time, the world is facing a considerable increase in population growth. Along with this comes many important factors that must be discussed; particularly development issues that might be acceptable today, but not for the future, the loss of biodiversity of the world, and human population exceeding its carrying capacity. With the ever-increasing numbers of human population growth, man is exceeding the world's human carrying capacity. As this happens, man encroaches upon other species, and as a result, the loss of biodiversity occurs. This loss is not only of aesthetic value, but also carries other major ramifications. With this loss of biodiversity, comes the loss of a genetic make-up that is gone forever, which sometime in the future, could have been used to cure diseases. Further analysis proves that with the loss of one species, all other species are effected, including mankind. As a result of all these ramifications due to human population growth, we believe this topic is of great concern. Education needs to be provided to all countries in order to prevent the problems we are facing today. This not only means education in population growth ramifications, but also reproductive education as well. We wish to pursue the revision of the Declaration and Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

### *II. Conservation of Biological Diversity*

The topic on the Conservation of Biological Diversity is of great importance to our country. It is of deep concern that the increasing loss of biodiversity is mainly due to human actions. As a result, the loss of one species has tremendous impacts on the whole life cycle and food chain. This also impacts humans as well. Thus, the loss of biodiversity in the world is in essence, the killing of our own life support system. Biodiversity provides a web of ecological services from purifying the air we breath to controlling water pollution. It is through this and numerous other ways,

that we can see the crucial role biodiversity plays in this world. Biodiversity sustains life as we know it on Earth. It is only through direct analysis and resolution acceptance that we will be able to conserve living species that took the last 3,000 million years to evolve. Each of these life forms is crucial to the sustainability of the environment, and it is our duty to see that each and every species is protected against extinction due to human causes. Committee: Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

### *III. The Death Penalty and Human Rights*

The question of the death penalty, or capital punishment, has long been a matter of great concern. As an opponent of capital punishment, our nation believes that the death penalty is a form of cruel and unusual punishment; and it represents a violation, at the most basic level, of a person's human rights. Our country echoes the findings of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in that, no person should be subjected to torture or to inhuman treatment or punishment.

Furthermore, the government and citizens of our country believe that capital punishment can be used to indirectly target minorities, people of different ethnicity, the poor, peoples of different religious affiliation, and geographic location, in the cause of fulfilling an execution sentence. From this, we recognize Member states who have abolished the death penalty, and is deeply concerned with those who still implore capital punishment as a criminal sentence. We see the death penalty as a clear violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Right, and calls for the abolishment of capital punishment on a global scale.

### *IV. Strengthening cooperation between the World Bank and the Economic and Social Council*

In an effort to create a more effective and efficient Economic and Social Council, we would like to see a strengthening of cooperation between the World Bank and the Economic and Social Council. If ties between these two bodies were more closely related, and they worked closely with each other, they would be much more effective at relieving problems such as poverty and development. We believe that if cooperation between ECOSOC and the World Bank were increased, the two organizations would achieve greater actions and results. No sole agency can take on an issue entirely by itself and expect results; with partnership comes strength and efficiency. In general, our country firmly believes that an enhanced partnership between the Economic and Social Council and the World Bank will be beneficial to

both organizations on the whole, and also be more beneficial to the developing world community in which they are intending to serve.

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