

ATHGO *International* "Architects of the Future:
Young Diplomats and the Millennium Development Goals"
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Resolution Summary

1. We participants of the ATHGO International Youth Symposium propose this resolution to the international community as our contribution of innovative ways to implement the Millennium Development Goals.
2. Recalling the various international human rights instruments, we recognize the inherent dignity of every individual human being as the foundation for freedom, justice, and peace in the world.
3. We recognize that the MDGs are interrelated and support the education of persons, the establishment of democratic and just systems, respect for all cultures, the use of resources, technology, and media, and the participation of youth as essential for the implementation of the MDGs.
4. We urge all States to eliminate extreme hunger and poverty, specifically through respecting and protecting the right to food and clean water, promoting good governance, and enabling an environment for economic growth and development.
5. We support initiatives that work to achieve universal primary education, specifically calling for half-day school work programs, programs to eliminate school overcrowding, and partnerships with community, national, and international institutions to achieve this goal. We additionally call for programs to train educators and to reward them for outstanding service.
6. We call upon all States to promote gender equality and the empowerment of all women. Foundational to gender equality is the recognition and protection of the equal dignity of all persons. Providing opportunities for equal education and work for women, for protection while in the workforce, for family planning and health education to young persons according to age and maturity while respecting the rights of parents, and for ending discrimination, exploitation, and degrading cultural and religious practices concerning women supports the achievement of this goal.
7. We support efforts to reduce child mortality, regarding education on childcare, nutrition, and sanitary conditions as key elements to achieving this goal. We call upon the WTO, pharmaceutical companies, and industrialized countries to support initiatives, such as UN Fund for Diseases, which will make necessary medications and treatments available and affordable to all.
8. We call for efforts to improve maternal health, particularly pre- and post-natal care, through medically-assisted deliveries, proper nutrition, sanitary conditions, and access to information and healthcare regarding women's reproductive needs and childbirth.
9. We call for programs to combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and other diseases. We specifically call for programs that provide and encourage testing for HIV/AIDS, for support systems for HIV/AIDS patients and families, and for relationships with pharmaceutical companies to reduce prices on necessary medications. We recognize gender equality and empowerment of women as one of the chief measures to combat HIV/AIDS.
10. We urge States to ensure environmental sustainability. Beneficial relationships formed among the UN, international institutions, and corporations, as well as programs and assessment for environmental sustainability, the formation of innovative farming practices, funds for environmental lobbying, and the assistance of responsible media will all help to achieve this goal.
11. We urge States to consider substantial debt relief for HIPC's, to form global partnerships for development that are coordinated, transparent, directed toward legitimate programs, and that involve the UN, WTO, international communities, civil society, and especially young persons.

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The ATHGO *International* participants in "Architects of the Future: Young Diplomats and the Millennium Development Goals" adopt the following resolutions:

Recognizing the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family as the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world,

Recalling the basic human rights outlined in the *United Nations Charter*, the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* and the *International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*, the *Millennium Declaration*, UN Secretary General's report titled "*In Larger Freedom: Towards Development, Security, and Human Rights for All*",

Invoking the spirit of multilateralism and solidarity of all Member States of the United Nations in promoting the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

Emphasizing that the unprecedented combination of resources and technology at our disposal today enables humankind, like never before, to eliminate the challenges of extreme poverty and hunger,

Recognizing and affirming that the realization of all human rights and freedoms are indispensable to the promotion of sustainable development and democracy,

Recognizing that good governance and democratic principles can only be truly achieved after having made concrete and significant progress toward alleviating extreme poverty and hunger,

Bearing in mind that all Millennium Development Goals are interrelated,

Disturbed by the harmful impact of armed conflict on all people, disproportionately children and women, and the long-term consequences it has for durable security, development, and full realization of human rights,

Deeply concerned by various forms of discrimination and violence, to which women continue to be exposed all over the world, and a need to turn rhetoric into action,

Reaffirms the undeniable value of education and its impact on the global community in terms of peace, security, development, and human rights in addition to the principles of all MDGs,

Taking into account the importance of responsible media for the dissemination of the MDGs and to ensure their accountability,

Bearing in mind that youth comprises nearly half of the world's population and recognizing the importance of youth involvement for the full achievement of the MDGs,

Determined to take new steps forward with the commitment of the international community to achieve the MDGs by 2015:

1. Urges all states which have made the commitment to contribute 0.7 percent of their GDP in ODA, to realize their promises without delay;
2. Calls upon all states to encourage youth awareness of the MDGs and promote

volunteering programs in developing countries as a testament to the success of grassroots campaigns;

3. Urges states to ensure equal access to all media outlets and programming in states and to promote media diversity which is essential to public awareness of the MDGs and global issues;
4. Recommends that states issue reports on a district to district basis within states to fully monitor implementation of initiatives geared toward MDG success and their outcomes in recognizing that national totals regarding the success and implementation of the MDGs may not be useful when given each year by countries who experience such a wide disparity of economic and social conditions;
5. Encourages states to engage social, local, and cultural groups in order to address cultural sensitivities and traditions that may impact the implementation of goal initiatives by state, NGO, and other civil society organizations;
6. Recommends that states develop a system of Social Marketing Recognition as a means of monitoring the distribution of donated goods to the people ensuring that they are clearly labeled as donated goods in order to prevent states and local governments from reselling these goods on the market; additionally, it is imperative that states refrain from purchasing such goods;
7. Calls for further action of member states to engage states who are unwilling or unable to accept NGO assistance and presence within their borders in order to account for the millions of internally displaced persons and refugees who are currently beyond the reach of any foreign assistance such as food, water, and medical supplies;
8. Urges states to direct state and local aid to UN programs and NGOs who may be directly accountable for the distribution and monitoring of aid and program activities within partner states, which in turn ensures legitimacy and transparency of monetary and other forms of aid;
9. Recommends the implementation of reassessment timelines for all states in an effort to monitor the visible success of MDG initiatives within each state and allow for continuous reevaluation of state and NGO approaches toward achieving MDGs;
10. Urges states to keep MDGs and all related issues at the forefront of state agendas;
11. Encourages states to increase initiatives for personal and cultural exchanges;

Goal 1

Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.

1. Urges states to comprehensively eliminate extreme hunger and poverty;
2. Requests states to fulfill their obligations of respecting, protecting, and fulfilling the right to adequate food and the right to development in order to assure poverty and hunger reduction;
3. Reaffirms that provisions of adequate food and nutrition is indivisibly linked to the

inherent dignity of the human person and is indispensable for the fulfillment of other human rights;

4. Encourages states to promote and strengthen youth participation in all sectors of the society, including policy analysis, socio-cultural research, and political participation;
5. Urges states to combat corruption and promote good governance and democracy in order to create a beneficial environment for economic growth and development;

Goal 2

Achieve universal primary education:

1. Requests that states establish partnerships with community, national, and international institutions to create mutually beneficial relationships in order to achieve universal access to primary education;
2. Proposes that states ensure not only equal access to education for all children, but implement programs geared toward eliminating overcrowding of children in school;
3. Calls for the establishment of half-day school-work programs where families in societies that depend on child labor for subsistence can still acquire a substantial level of education while maintaining a steady income;
4. Reminds states that such school-work programs must comply with the principles outlined in the UN *Conference on the Rights of the Child* and child labor laws;
5. Draws attention to the importance of promoting programs geared toward awarding educators and programs for educator development;

Goal 3

Promote gender equality and empower women:

1. Calls upon states to empower all women in order to end gender-based discrimination and exploitation;
2. Requests that states support local NGOs and community leaders to organize, at grassroots levels, initiatives that work to eliminate degrading cultural and religious practices;
3. Urges states to establish initiatives to organize and establish women's labor unions and organizations in developing countries to ensure women's rights once they enter the workforce;
4. Encourages all states to promote educational programs for girls and boys and establish educational initiatives that incorporates family planning and health education to young people according to their age, level of maturity, and respecting the rights and responsibilities of parents;
5. Calls upon states to provide:
 - a. education for both men and women that reaffirms the equal

- inalienable dignity of all persons,
- b. the opportunity for education and work for women,
- c. the opportunity for primary and advanced education that will enable women the freedom to develop themselves;

Goal 4

Reduce child mortality:

1. Calls upon the World Trade Organization to review the Generics Legislation and the Patent Rules adopted in 1996 in order to allow developing countries to produce and/or import affordable and life saving generics and vaccines (without restrictions and without being subject to economic sanctions by other countries);
2. Emphasizing the promotion of a global partnership for development, we call upon the industrialized countries to support the United Nations Fund for Diseases in order to help provide medical drugs and supplies to developing countries;
3. Strongly urge governments of developing countries to establish an agenda for the eradication of the major infectious children diseases; Diphtheria, Measles, Tetanus, Pertussis, Poliomyelitis Hepatitis B, Tuberculosis, inborn Rubella, and other diseases;
4. Recognizing the need to establish strong partnerships with Pharmaceutical Companies in order to support specific campaigns focusing on critical diseases responsible for child mortality in all countries by providing related drugs and vaccines at affordable prices;
5. Reaffirming our commitment to ensure the access to education as a means of reducing child mortality by raising parents' awareness and promoting good practices for childcare;
6. Affirms the need to commit ourselves to initiatives working to provide clean water, sanitary conditions, and basic nutrition for infants and children, recognizing them as fundamental conditions preventing child mortality;

Goal 5

Improve maternal health:

1. Draws attention to the importance of improving Maternal Health to reduce infant and child mortality, we commit to support all initiatives that aim to ensure prenatal care and medically attended deliveries for pregnant women in developing countries;
2. Calls upon States to ensure and promote:
 - a. education on women's health, specifically access to information and healthcare regarding one's reproductive needs, childbirth, and basic nutrition,
 - b. the opportunity for both men and women to learn health attendant skills, recognizing that having a health attendant present during childbirth is crucial to decreasing maternal mortality,

- c. access to proper nutrition and sustainable conditions for the mother and child, such as adequate food, clean water, and proper pre- and post- natal medication;

Goal 6

Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases:

1. Calls for programs providing and encouraging testing for HIV/AIDS;
2. Urges states to work with pharmaceutical companies to reduce drug prices in order to make urgently needed treatments available to developing countries;
3. Recommends the provision of support systems for HIV/AIDS patients and families, recognizing that women are particularly vulnerable to the disease;
4. Emphasizing gender equality and women's education as not just an object by itself but also a key to achieving the other seven development goals, keeping in mind that it is one of the chief measures to combat HIV/AIDS;

Goal 7

Ensure environmental sustainability:

1. Endorses the UN, international institutions, and corporations in developing a mutually beneficial relationship to move toward the goal of environmental sustainability by implementing programs at the national and subsequently local levels;
2. Urge states, with the assistance of responsible media for the promotion of ideas, to implement a mechanisms that would promote companies that comply with international environmental standards, for instance an international label "Energy Star";
3. Recommends that states find and utilize innovative farming practices to reduce environmental degradation;
4. Encourages states to develop and implement a program for Environmental Standards and Investment Financing that will allow for direct monetary aid to be applied in the form of grants in an attempt to alleviate costs experienced by MNCs and other corporations that wish to establish themselves in developing countries that wish to encourage environmentally sound production and industry practices;
5. Recommends that states increase funds for environmental lobbying;
6. Calls upon states to implement programs from the UN and other international institutions and structures geared toward environmental stability and sustainable development at the national and subsequently local levels;
7. Supports the implementation of environmentally sustainable goals in a manner commensurate with human dignity;
8. Recommends that states form an organization or committee whose purposes would be to determine and report on the impact of implementing environmental

standards on the economies of both developed and developing countries in hopes of assessing inequalities in each respective country and to allocate assistance in implementing said standards through UN, State, NGO, and other forms of aid;

Goal 8

Develop a global partnership for development:

1. Encourages states to reevaluate and analyze the conditionality of debt relief in a manner consistent with the principles of the MDGs and those outlined in Kofi Annan's "*In Larger Freedom*" report;
2. Recognizing that HIPC's, in being unable to garner adequate funds for development, should be considered for substantial debt relief in order to promote legitimate spending of development funds on programs geared toward increased economic and social development;
3. Urges states, when considering a global partnership for development, to develop structures managing global funds for development that are increasingly coordinated and transparent to ensure that funds are directed toward legitimate programs and civil society organizations beyond the state that address the real and basic needs of persons and established development goals with visible results and clear monitoring mechanisms;
4. Recognizing the need for a UN mediating role over partnerships between the WTO and member states to ensure that the MDGs are not being compromised in trade negotiations.