

Forum: Economic and Social Council

Question of: Enhancing Cities and Communities in Terms of Sustainability

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1 The Economic and Social Council,

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3 *Acknowledging* the importance of enhancing cities and communities in terms of sustainability,

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5 *Viewing with appreciation* previous efforts being made towards the goal of achieving

6 sustainability,

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8 *Noting with deep gratitude* the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its contribution towards

9 achieving sustainability in all parts of the globe,

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11 *Recalling* the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically

12 SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and its role in the modern world,

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14 *Noting with concern* the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic regarding the financing of

15 sustainable development within the 2030 deadline,

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17 *Taking into consideration* the short time frame the 2030 agenda has set for achieving the 17

18 Sustainable Development Goals,

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20 *Recognising* the financial crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic leading to issues

21 concerning medicine and education within affected countries,

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23 *Emphasizing* the need for all countries to distribute knowledge and competence necessary for

24 compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals and in particular for the enhancement of

25 cities and communities in terms of sustainability,

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27 *Convinced* that leaving the competence for decision-making at national to local level will serve

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30 Hereby resolves to,

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32 1. **Calls upon** all Member States of the United Nations to strive for the enhancement of

33 cities and communities in terms of sustainability, **through**;

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- c. sustainable urbanization made possible through more public transports and less use of cars in cities,
- d. more support of sustainability by the government;

2. **Encourages** Member States in the position to afford deploying means for this cause to aid other Member States by means such as, but not limited to:

- a. the providing of financial and resource-based aid,
- b. the donating of technologies and technological research finds,
- c. general aid with things such as infrastructure-improvement and recycling;

3. **Proposes** to establish an agency for:

- a. the purpose of knowledge and skill transfer regarding sustainable development of cities and communities,
- b. the purpose of reviewing and assessing achievements of governments on national to local level,
- c. the purpose of closing the gap of the level of sustainability between less developed countries and industrialized countries,
- d. the purpose of increasing privatization and technological advancements;

4. **Recommends** Member States to financially support programs and frameworks maintained to improve the infrastructure in the state by environment-friendly actions:

- a. cutting costs drastically and increasing financial fluidity for every country and
- b. enabling an easier implementation of new technologies

5. **Requests** that the development should be economically sustainable for every country especially for those that are dependent on fossil oils and gas:

- a. implementing additional time, due to massive economic damage which will be caused by the development in new sources for power and plastic;

6. **Expects** the United Nations to extend the timeline of the 2030 Agenda by ten years to 2040, as the consequence of the COVID-19 crisis;

7. **Supports** the idea of setting a special fund, within the special Commission on Technology and Science jurisdiction to:

- a. providing the finances needed for ensuring equal treatment covering the needs of all Member States,
- b. enabling the Commission on Technology and Science to operate with this fund to its best ability, while having in mind both the interests of countries that are in need of those finances and the scientific requisite to keep finding new progressive ways of utilizing technology;

8. **Encourages** Member States to invite the involvement and engagement of civil society groups within local government to support and promote each cities programs and frameworks in terms of sustainability;

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9. **Welcomes** further initiatives on the issue.