**Forum:** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

**Question of:** Promoting Equal Access to Quality Education

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1	The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,
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3 4	Recognizing that Basic Education is not yet ensured for all Humans in the World,
5 6	Acknowledging the issues caused by the Covid-19 pandemic on this front,
7	Alarmed that 1.6 billion learners were affected by the Covid-19 pandemic,
8 9	Fully Aware that the World bank has estimated a loss of 17 billion in lifetime earnings due to
10 11	the interruption of learning,
12	Further noting that Education is an empowering right in itself and one of the most powerful
13	tools by which economically and socially marginalized children and adults can lift themselves
14 15	out of poverty and participate fully in society,
16	Hoping to help those that need it most,
17 18 19	<i>Keeping in mind</i> that 244 million children and youth are still out of school for social, economic and cultural reasons,
20 21 22	Having heard that the percentage of people under 10 who can read has fallen,
22 23 24	Taking into account that education is a stepping stone to other Human rights,
25 26	Realizing that an investment in education is an investment in our future,
27 28	Emphasizing our obligation to respect, protect and fulfil education,
29 30	Believing in expanding quality of education,
30 31 32	Listening to how local communities want to change their education,

33	Hoping to guarantee a freedom of choice between different schools and the beliefs, which are
34	taught to the student,
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36	Recognising that the global literacy rate for male children is over 2.5% higher than females,
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38	Alarmed by natural disasters armed conflicts and health crises such as the COVID 19 pandemic
39	disrupting education systems worldwide,
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41	Guided by our principles and the treaties we signed,
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43	1. Establishes a baseline level of education which includes:
44	a. a global curriculum subject to change by the countries which implements:
45	i. basic reading skills,
46	ii. basic mathematics,
47	iii. social studies,
48	iv. language arts,
49	v. science,
50	b. teacher training and professional development programs, which promotes
51	inclusive and equitable education, and equips teachers with the necessary skills
52	and tools to cater to diverse learning needs and a safe and supportive learning
53	environment;
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55	2. <u>Seeks</u> the implementation of infrastructure that properly provides member nations with:
56	a. transportation for children, to schools in a safe and dependable way, through:
57	i. transportation vehicles provided and operated by United Nations peace
58	workers and volunteers,
59	ii. dependable security for the transportation listed in subclause 2a from
60	United Nations peacekeepers with the sole purpose of transportation of
61	children, especially in more hostile environments and in those where
62	students might be in danger because of their education,
63	b. technology and school supplies in order to foster better learning for students,
64	such as:
65	i. basic school supplies such as pencils, pens, book bags, and textbooks, so
66	that students in need can receive the education they deserve,
67	ii. tablets, laptop computers, and other necessary electronics so that those
68	in need can receive quality education on par with the modern standard,
69	once a global basic level of educational infrastructure has been
70	established and succeeded,
71	c. a specialized refugee education team when needed which helps refugee
72	education self-sufficiency by:
73	i. recruiting and training refugees with the potential to become teachers,
74	ii. providing short-term classrooms and other materials needed to sustain
75	basic education in refugee camps;
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77	3.	<u>Urges</u> to get more information about the development of education around the world
78		by:
79		a. developing the UNESCO world education study,
80		b. making regular regional and worldwide expeditions with the help of education
81		experts and scientists, and the hired staff of UNESCO;
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83	4.	<u>Calls</u> upon member nations to instruct teachers for the productive instruction of students
84		belonging to marginalized groups disadvantaged by factors including, but not limited
85		to, religious backgrounds, ethnicities, social status, and culture, in order to:
86		a. promote effective classroom management,
87		b. strengthen teaching practices,
88		c. optimize the efficiency of lessons;
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90	5.	<u>Calls</u> upon all member states to legally entrench the right to quality education for all
91		citizens in their national education systems, including, but not limited to:
92		a. prohibition of any kind of segregation that is not requested by the students or
93		their legal guardians in public schools,
94		b. introduction of a right to culturally specific education for any ethnic, religious
95		or cultural group that does not make up less than 10% of a country's population,
96		which must contain:
97		i. providing adequate religious education,
98		ii. providing classes in which languages important for these groups are
99		taught,
100		c. allows for female students to receive the same quality education as male students
101		and address problems that prevent this in practice by:
102		i. eliminating gender-based stereotypes and discriminatory practices in
103		education, promoting equal opportunities and gender-sensitive learning
104		environments,
105		ii. promoting the participation and empowerment of women and girls in all
106		levels of education,
107		iii. opposing early female marriage and laws that limit access to education,
108		d. enabling all students with special needs to receive an appropriate and dignified
109		education in accordance with the UDHR;
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111	6.	Seeks to invest in the formation of workplaces to make use of well-educated workers,
112		in order to diminish labour migration;
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114	7.	<u>Calls</u> for the creation of a fund, managed by the ADM Commission whose task is to
115		promote equal access to quality education; all strategic decisions regarding the
116		expenditures of this fund shall be made by the PRX Commission; the financial
117		contribution of each member state is determined according to the following rules:
118		a. each UNESCO member state with a GDP per capita greater than or equal to
119		\$5500 shall spend at least 0.8 % of its GDP on education (or a maximum of \$150
120		million) and spend it as follows:

121	i. 40 % (0.32% of the country's GDP) is to be spent on the domestic
122	education system,
123	ii. $60 \% (0.48\% \text{ of the country's GDP})$ should be used as a contribution to
124	the fund mentioned above,
125	b. each UNESCO member state with a GDP lower than \$5500 shall spend at least
126	0.8 % of its GDP on its domestic education system,
127	c. any member state that does not fulfil these requirements will not receive any
128	grants from this fund;
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130	8. <u>Urges</u> to create a program under the supervision of the World Bank that provides funds,
131	earmarked for education credits, to national banks at reduced interest rates, for:
132	a. individuals that or their children are currently attending a first, second or third-
133	level education course or will do so within one year,
134	b. the amount of the credit should cover:
135 136	i. the total cost of the education program itself as well as the costs of all mandatory materials,
130	ii. possible opportunity costs that would have occurred if the individual/the
138	children had not attended the education program,
139	iii. the total costs of all financial resources necessary for the individual/the
140	children to live a life in dignity in accordance with the UDHR;
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141	9. <u><b>Proposes</b></u> that the information collected from the UNESCO study enacted by clause 3
142	be used to determine the educational status of member nations, and the extent to which
143	they should receive the funding provided in clauses 7 and 8;
144	they should receive the funding provided in clauses 7 and 6,
145	<b>10.</b> <u>Affirming</u> that all countries agree with the values of this agreement;
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148	11. <u>Proposes</u> to rebuild or build schools where it is needed the most;
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150	12. <u>Recommends</u> to found International Resistant Organisation Negotiating Inclusion in
150	Education (IRONIE) that works to extend inclusion at learning facilities as far as
151	possible in the specific situation:
153	a. open schools for people with all kind of disabilities,
154	<ul><li>b. qualifying supervisors for people in need of assistance,</li></ul>
155	<ul><li>c. ensuring access to all parts of the building for example given wheelchairs,</li></ul>
156	<ul><li>d. minimising the size of learning groups,</li></ul>
150	e. supplying schools with special equipment;
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159	13. <u>Suggests</u> the monitoring of processes with aims to detect difficulties that occur
160	throughout the implementation of these processes by an annual report covering
161	including, but not limited to:
161	a. the implementations status,
162	b. any problems found,
164	<ul><li>c. newly arisen needs to adapt or expand measures,</li></ul>
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  167 14. <u>Decides</u> to remain actively seized on the matter.
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  170 Voting Results
  171 In favour: 31
- 172 Against: 24
- 173 Abstentions: 3