

Resolution Concerning the AIDS Epidemic and Awareness
Dondero Model United Nations body
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Alarmed by the fact that 42 million citizens of the world (30 million in Africa) are infected with HIV, and that annually five million people contract HIV and three million people die from AIDS; and

Conceding that AIDS is particularly prevalent in Africa and Asia, more specifically in countries such as South Africa, Uganda, India, and China; and

Recognizing that UNAIDS is an organization, part of the UN that is at the forefront of fighting the AIDS problems, and receives the most funding out of all organizations, as well as coordinates missions with organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO); and

Recalling that the three key steps to eradication of AIDS addressed by UNAIDS are prevention, treatment, and care; and

Noting with Zest that the United Nations UNAIDS Three-by-Five Initiative is an effective programme that will lead to a massive reduction of AIDS victims; and

Realizing that little awareness in developing nations, and poor economic standards cause 8000 people a day to contract HIV; and

Noting with Pleasure that generic drugs have been successfully used in Brazil and have curtailed the spreading of AIDS in that country; and

Taking into Account the statement of former Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, Stephen Lewis, "That there are generic drugs from India to treat the majority of HIV positive Africans for 350 dollars per person/per year. If we had the political will, there is no question that we have the money;" and

Keeping in Mind that further scientific research and development is necessary to prevent and treat HIV and AIDS; and

Noting that students in Dondero High School could benefit from a more thorough education on the devastating effects of AIDS on a global scale; and

Seeing that cooperation with other international organizations on the AIDS issue would be beneficial to understanding the AIDS problem and measures all individuals can do to help with this crisis; and

Taking Note that although the world community has taken a step forward with the Three-by-Five initiative, more funding for other programmes is desperately needed

- 1- *Seeks* to inform the Dondero Model United Nations members about the effects of AIDS and to provide a platform for further involvement in this issue and other programmes that give money and information to those countries or people affected gravely by HIV/AIDS; and
- 2- *Regrets* that the HIV virus will only become more devastating if measures are not taken to combat it; and
- 3- *Encourages* nations to implement programmes that will actively reduce the number of new cases of AIDS victims in their nation, such as informing citizens through media and the use of medical organizations; and
- 4- Reaffirms the goals of the Three-by-Five Initiative of UNAIDS, which are:
 - a- simplified, standardized tools to deliver antiretroviral therapy (making medicines available to those in need; i.e.- poorer countries),
 - b- a new service to ensure an effective and reliable supply of medicines and diagnostics (ensuring adequate supplies of drugs are given to needy countries),
 - c- rapid identification, dissemination and application of new knowledge and successful solutions (making sure new scientific knowledge on treatment procedures is shared among all nations),
 - d- urgent, sustained support for countries (long term support for nations with high rates of HIV infections),
 - e- global leadership, strong partnership and advocacy; and
- 5- *Approves* of the new scientific developments that will continue to help AIDS victims, realizing that with new cures comes resistant strains of the virus; and
- 6- *Further Supports* the efforts of Canada and other developed nations like Japan that have taken steps to prompt the WTO (World Trade Organization) legislation, by themselves agreeing to loosen patent laws and sell generic drugs to developing countries and crisis nations; and
- 7- *Supports* the World Trade Organization's (WTO) new legislation regarding generic drugs which:
 - a- relaxes international patent laws to allow countries to import lower cost generic drugs,
 - b- broadens the definition of "crisis states" so that many other countries can receive generic drugs in times of need; and
- 8- *Urges* that no legal action be taken by pharmaceutical companies against nations like Brazil or South Africa that have successfully been using or manufacturing generic drugs to help their dying populations; and

- 9- *Calls For* pharmaceutical companies to reconsider their position on U.S. legislation regarding the authorization of generic drugs and the relaxing of patents on effective medicines; and
- 10- *Notes* that America, after promising 15 billion dollars of aid to support African nations over the next five years (beginning in 2003) has contributed 100 million dollars thus far; and
- 11- *Calls upon* the Dondero Model United Nations under the office of USG Advocacy to set up a school wide forum for all social studies students in Dondero High School to attend on 7 April 2004 to:
 - a- inform Dondero students about the global effects of AIDS specifically in regards to the situation in Asia and Africa,
 - b- discuss possible ways to contribute to helping initiatives or organizations such as the World Health Organizations in regard to the AIDS epidemic; and
- 12- *Requests* that future fundraisers with any relevant organizations such as UNAIDS could be assessed as a way for DMUN to remain seized in this matter; and
- 13- *Further Calls* upon the offices of USG Advocacy and Rapporteur to promote a letter writing campaign to any individuals or organizations, such as Senator Dianne Feinstein (Democrat from California) that proposed an amendment to the African Growth and Opportunity Act (which would have allowed African nations to respond to the crisis by allowing them to manufacture and sell AIDS drugs “at prices that render them available to the greatest number of people”), that are part of this issue, as a step to becoming more internationally-minded; and
- 14- *Aims* that the Dondero Model United Nations will give some kind of monetary donation to UNAIDS in the next two years to show our commitment to that cause; and
- 15- *Further Calls Upon* political organizations such as the PTA, Royal Oak City Council, and the State of Michigan to support this resolution; and
- 16- *Declares* to remain actively seized in the matter.