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**THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN OVERSEEING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS, IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARD TO THE PROBLEM OF DEBT  
AND THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY AND CORRUPTION**

**First batch of amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolution submitted by the  
delegations of China, Cuba, Egypt and India**

**PREAMBLE**

Preambular paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

(2) *Further recalling* the Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000, which established eight goals with specific deadlines and target figures, known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), and that these goals represent criteria established by common agreement within the international community for the elimination of poverty, ~~as well as the human development reports issued by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the World Summit Outcome adopted by Heads of State and Government on 15 September 2005,~~

*(China)*

Amend to read as follows:

(2) *Further recalling* the Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000, which established eight goals with specific deadlines and target figures, known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), and that these goals represent criteria established by common agreement within the international community **to the global partnership for development** for the elimination of poverty, ~~as well as the human development reports issued by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the World Summit Outcome adopted by Heads of State and Government on 15 September 2005,~~

*(India)*

Preambular paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

(3) *Recalling* the final declarations of the United Nations special conferences, and in particular the International Conference on Financing for Development, held at Monterrey (Mexico) in 2002; **and** the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held at Johannesburg (South Africa) in 2002; ~~and the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held at Brussels (Belgium) in 2004,~~

*(India)*

Preambular paragraph 7

Delete the paragraph.

(India)

Preambular paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Aware* that parliaments have a crucial role to play in promoting the eight MDGs and that it is essential for them to adopt the necessary legislation, **participate in formulating general policies and follow-up their implementation, exercise oversight of executive action in this regard, request government reports on progress made in achieving the MDGs,** and approve the appropriate budget allocations,

(Egypt)

Preambular paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

(11) *Observing* that commitments towards the target of 0.7% of ~~GNP~~ **GNI** as ODA have still not been fulfilled by most countries, but *noting* that several countries have committed to their fulfilment over the next 10 years,

(China)

New preambular paragraphs 12bis and 12ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 12 to read as follows:

(12bis) ***Convinced* that World Bank and IMF conditionality will continue to hinder rather than aid poor countries ability to fight poverty and meet the internationally agreed Millennium Development Goals,**

(12ter) ***Convinced* that lives of a billion people could be improved in the next decade if developed countries reform their trade, migration and investment policies and that the spread of prosperity would serve the interests of all countries,**

(Cuba)

Preambular paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

(13) ***Convinced* that increased financial development assistance and debt cancellation will bear fruit only ~~if~~ **with full respect to beneficiary countries' ownership and national development strategy** ~~promote democracy, apply principles of good governance, and eradicate corruption,~~**

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

(13) ~~Convinced that increased financial development assistance and debt cancellation will bear fruit only if beneficiary countries promote democracy, apply principles of good governance, and eradicate~~ **combat** corruption, **they would draw optimal benefits from international development assistance and debt cancellation,**

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows :

(13) ~~Convinced that increased financial development assistance and debt cancellation will bear fruit only if beneficiary countries~~ **on the need to** promote democracy, apply principles of good governance, and eradicate corruption **within each country and at the international level,**

(India)

Preambular paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

(14) ~~Stressing the need to make the fight against corruption a priority at all levels and to adopt policies that emphasise~~ **accountability,** transparent public sector management and corporate responsibility and accountability, including efforts to return assets transferred through corruption, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption,

(China)

Preambular paragraph 16

Amend to read as follows:

(16) ~~Noting that many developing countries are increasingly excluded from~~ **unable to take advantage of** international trade and capital flows, with direct consequences in terms of poverty,

(India)

Preambular paragraph 17

Amend to read as follows:

(17) ~~Noting the importance of a successful~~ **the hopes that developing countries place in the** Doha Round of multilateral trade negotiations for developing countries' development prospects as well as the usefulness of external "aid for trade" financing to help these countries boost their capacity to participate in global trade,

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

(17) ~~Noting the importance of a successful~~ Doha Round of multilateral trade negotiations for developing countries' development prospects as well as the usefulness of external "aid for trade" financing to help these countries boost their capacity to participate **effectively** in global trade,

(India)

Preambular paragraph 18

Amend to read as follows:

(18) *Observing* that the current international trade and investment system is biased toward developed countries ~~in many sectors and poses problems for numerous developing countries~~ **and that there exist systemic inequities in the international financial, monetary and trading systems that impact adversely on the development prospects of developing countries,**

(India)

**OPERATIVE PART**

Operative paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urgently requests* the parliaments of countries that have approved the Millennium Declaration and that are also Members of the IPU to promote achievement of the MDGs in their countries by allocating national budget resources to programmes implemented for this purpose, **to participate in the formulation of general policies and monitor their implementation, as well as introduce the necessary legislative amendments to that end;**

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urgently requests* the parliaments of countries that have approved the Millennium Declaration and that are also Members of the IPU to promote achievement of the MDGs in their countries by allocating national budget resources to programmes ~~implemented~~ **intended** for this purpose;

(India)

Operative paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Urges* developed country parliaments to require their governments to honour their commitment to allocate 0.7% of ~~GNP~~ **GNI** to ODA, as required by the Millennium Declaration and the Monterrey Consensus;

(China)

Operative paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Encourages* developing country parliaments to ensure that their governments mobilize the resources necessary for development, ~~combat corruption, continue reforming their institutions,~~ adopt economic and social policies to stimulate **sustainable** growth, establish national strategies for adapting policies to the MDGs, **continuing reforming their institutions and promoting** democracy and human rights, ~~and~~ follow the principles of good governance **and combat corruption;**

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Encourages* developing country parliaments to ensure that their governments mobilize the resources necessary for development, combat corruption, continue reforming their institutions, adopt economic and social policies to stimulate growth, establish national strategies for adapting policies to **achieve** the MDGs, promote democracy and human rights, and follow the principles of good governance;  
(India)

New operative paragraph 3bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 3 to read as follows:

- 3bis. *Encourages* developing country parliaments to ensure that any conditions promoted by IFIs focus only on fundamental fiduciary concerns which enhance developing countries citizens' ability to hold their governments to account, rather than developing countries accountability to the Bank and Fund;**  
(Cuba)

Operative paragraph 4

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

4. ***Urges* national parliaments to play a more active role in following-up implementation of the MDGs, and to encourage their respective governments to report regularly to them – as they do to the United Nations and its relevant bodies – on progress made thereon ;**  
(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Urgently calls* for both developed and developing country governments to submit country ~~and regional~~ reports to their parliaments annually on strategy application and execution;  
(India)

Operative paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Encourages* parliaments to participate in the formulation of ~~poverty reduction strategy papers (PRSP) within the ad hoc working groups~~ **nationally developed and owned strategic frameworks for poverty reduction ;**  
(India)

New operative paragraph 5bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 5 to read as follows:

- 5bis. *Encourages* parliaments to fulfil the clearly defined commitment to overcome inequality in the World Summit on Social Development in 1985;**  
(Cuba)

Operative paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Suggests* the establishment of special committees, or working groups within committees, to monitor executive branch activities within the poverty reduction strategic framework, **in collaboration with the United Nations and its relevant specialized agencies, in particular UNDP, and with relevant national bodies;**

(Egypt)

New operative paragraphs 6bis and 6ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 6 to read as follows:

- 6bis. *Suggests* the establishment of special committees, or working groups within committees, to study and suggest plausible social programs according to national interests and poverty reduction strategic framework;
- 6ter. *Recommends* that poverty reduction policies and budget related documents be elaborated and presented in such a way as to review the results and highlight achievement of the MDGs;

(Cuba)

Operative paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Suggests* the organization of public debates on these poverty reduction strategic documents, **where they exist**, and the fielding of missions **by the national country parliaments** to monitor their implementation;

(India)

Move operative paragraph 8 to the end of operative paragraph 6, as amended.

(Egypt)

Operative paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Encourages* developed country parliaments to organize the monitoring of **their** national aid policies and to field missions to assess ~~their results~~ **adherence to these policies;**

(India)

Operative paragraphs 9, 10 and 11

Merge operative paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 into one.

(Egypt)

Operative paragraph 11

Delete the paragraph.

(India)

New operative paragraph 15bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 15 to read as follows:

**15bis. Encourages donor countries to continue the writing-offs of old debts and the reduction of binding and non-binding conditions attached to their lending;**

(Cuba)

Operative paragraph 20

Amend to read as follows:

20. *Invites* States to consolidate and improve their laws on the freedom of information and communication, in the interests of achieving transparency in public life and the denunciation of corruption **without prejudice to the right to privacy and inviolability of the person, and without compromising the reputation of others;**

(Egypt)

Operative paragraphs 20 and 21

Merge operative paragraph 20, as amended, and operative paragraph 21 into one.

(Egypt)

Operative paragraphs 19, 22 and 24

Merge operative paragraphs 19, 22 and 24 into one.

(Egypt)

Operative paragraph 25

Amend to read as follows:

25. *Recommends* the adoption and ratification of the international conventions against corruption, and in particular the **ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative** and UN conventions;

(India)

Operative paragraphs 25 and 26

Merge operative paragraphs 25 and 26 into one.

(Egypt)

Operative paragraph 28

Amend to read as follows:

28. *Urgently calls on* countries participating in the current multilateral trade negotiations at the World Trade Organization ~~to complete the current~~ **to resume the suspended** Doha Round of negotiations **at an early date** in a manner that significantly improves the **multilateral trading system and** the trade and development prospects of developing countries.

*(China)*

Amend to read as follows:

28. ~~*Urgently Calls on*~~ **the parliaments of** countries participating in the ~~current~~ **WTO** multilateral trade negotiations ~~at the World Trade Organization to urge their respective governments~~ to complete the current Doha Round ~~of negotiations~~ in a manner that significantly improves the trade and development prospects of developing countries.

*(Egypt)*

Amend to read as follows:

28. ~~*Urgently calls on*~~ countries participating in the ~~current multilateral trade negotiations at the World Trade Organization to complete the current Doha Round of negotiations in a manner that significantly improves the trade and development prospects of developing countries~~ **upon the developed partners to demonstrate flexibility and political will necessary to bridge the existing gaps so that there will be an early formal resumption of negotiations in a manner that can ensure success as measured by the terms of the Doha mandate for the conclusion of the Development Round in the spirit of Doha and Hong Kong Ministerial Declarations.**

*(India)*