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SAMPLE PARLIAMENTARY RESOLUTION ON SDGs FOLLOW-UP

Resolution on the adoption of Agenda 2030 of the United Nations

Whereas Agenda 2030 and attendant Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations on 25 September 2015 will drive global efforts to end poverty and place the planet on a sustainable course over the next fifteen years;

Whereas the SDGs constitute an interlinked framework fusing together economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, including provisions to mobilize the resources required to support implementation;

Whereas our government as a member of the United Nations has committed to this new global agenda on behalf of our people;

Whereas paragraph 45 of Agenda 2030 recalls "the essential role of parliaments through their enactment of legislation and adoption of budgets and their role in ensuring accountability for the effective implementation of our commitments", as well as, in para 79, the role of parliaments in supporting the "regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national level";

Whereas our government will need to translate the global SDGs into a national plan for sustainable development with its own country-specific goals and time bound targets;

Whereas the Declaration of the 4th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament adopted on 2 September 2015 provides further guidance to parliaments on the implementation of the new global agenda;

Be it resolved that this parliament shall:

1. Take stock of Agenda 2030 and attendant Sustainable Development Goals as well as the Declaration of the World Speakers Conference as the main reference point on all policies for sustainable development;
2. Commit to help implement this new framework through all acts of legislation, including the budget;
3. Review the existing committee structure and all internal processes in ways to effectively and coherently mainstream all relevant goals through parliament;
4. Provide input to the government's national sustainable development strategy, including by holding regular hearings with civil society, the private sector and constituents at large;
5. Demand that the government table a report on the implementation of the national strategy for the SDGs for a thorough review by parliament;

6. Review all national progress reports presented by the government to the United Nations as part of the global review progress of the High Level Forum on Sustainable Development;
7. Invite, by the end of 2016, civil society organizations and constituents at large to a public debate on the relevance of the SDGs to the development of our country.