



U.N. Organ: The General Assembly

Heading

UN Committee: General Assembly
Topic: Right to Primary Education
Sponsor: United Kingdom

The General Assembly,

Preamble

Keeping in mind the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that “Everyone has the right to education,”

Recognizing that Education for All (EFA), led by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), has made a commitment to ensure that by 2015 all children will “have access to and complete, free and compulsory education of good quality,”

Aware of the 93 million children, who are still not in school,

Operative Clauses

1. Calls for better funding in order to reach universal primary education;
2. Proposes decreasing the amount of school fees in order to allow families in poverty and orphans who are unable to afford to go to school;
3. Calls for more schools to be built in countries where there are few, and to provide transportation to make education more easily accessible;
4. Expresses its hope that by 2020, Education for All will have met its goal, with every child in school.

Amendments



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Fact Sheet- Access and Right to Primary Education

This sheet will help you today in writing a resolution in your group. Remember in a resolution you do not need to quote sources, but you do need to refer to past actions of the United Nations and facts in your perambulatory clauses. Your operative clauses should recommend actions that are new and unique.

Resources/Documentation of Past Actions

UN Charter and Declarations

- Declaration of Human Rights 1948
- Millennium Development Goals 2000
- United Nations Human Rights Council 2006

Past International Action by UNICEF

- Support and technical assistance to governments and communities;
- Attempts to ensure safe, stable and gender-sensitive environments;
- Promoting quality in education to encourage access;
- Promotion of skill-based education

Action taken by the UN Development Plan (UNDP)

- Working to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, of which universal primary education is the second objective
- Funding has been provided, BUT that does not guarantee that the educational infrastructures will be developed
- Multiple smaller projects at the country level for example, a teacher training program in Liberia

Possible Issues to Address

- Family poverty is the greatest barrier
- 92 countries require fees for school
- Uniforms and supplies are expensive
- Compulsory education laws are disregarded
- Children are needed in the workforce
- Corruption and bureaucracy
- Lack of buildings and trained teachers
- Safety
- Irrelevant curriculum