



Topic Synopsis

2nd ECOFIN, Sustained growth in developing African nations

Background

Ever since the Africa began to get colonized by Europe, the continent of Africa has not been able to become as economically stable as other areas in the world, due to the fact that the continent was divided into colonies for so long. Now, as independent nations, Africa's population has been growing at a steady rate, however, the economy of its countries are not able to keep up at the same pace. Many African nations still have over half of their population living below the poverty line, and many more have thirty percent to forty percent in this situation. Most people identify this lack of development in Africa as the low education rates, and its lack of availability to the population. Without this education, the children cannot get a well paying job- they are caught in the chain of poverty. This lack of education also makes it difficult for the private sector to grow due to the fact that no one has the education to be able to run a company. Unfortunately, the lack of development has also caused a plethora of diseases to cross from civilization; death from not enough humanitarian supplies continues to grow daily.

II. United Nations Involvement

The United Nations has constantly recognized the lack of development in Africa for decades, and has taken multiple measures to try and ensure that the continent is given a few resources that it needs in order to be able to develop. Resolution A/RES/64/258 was passed in March of 2010 and emphasized how important the UN believes other nations aid is in the process of developing Africa. This resolution, however, also mentions that African nations need to make sure they are also doing their part to develop themselves, and not relying on other countries to solve the problem for them. In order to help these rural areas grow and advance, the rural people have to participate as well by providing the rural people with materials and equipment. Even though these rural areas have different cultures, values, ideas, and



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languages, people from developed countries are making an effort to help these areas progress. Although some rural areas may deny the help and will ignore improvement, it is important for everyone to take part. Often, countries discuss the importance of backing the African Union sponsored New Plan for African Development. Finally, multiple Non-Governmental Organizations such as the Red Cross and Teachers Without Borders have taken it upon themselves to help Africa develop itself into an economically stable continent.

III. Possible Solutions

The most effective solutions for development in Africa would be, to educate the population, or to emphasize the creation of small, and to support local businesses to help grow local economies. Once local economies are grown, the problem can then be handled on a much larger scale. It is imperative, however, that any solution that is created relies on Africa contributing a large portion of the necessary work or planned action so that the continent can begin becoming self-reliant, no one county can make a huge difference. In addition, any solutions must be economically feasible for the continent- and not involve pumping in too much money, as this would cause the economy to inflate dramatically. It is also important to have a better local transport; it is necessary to help the rural people move about. The support from NGO's and other organizations to offer programs for practical support, including health care, legal aid, and assistance are key to improving the development of these areas. It is our duty to help Africa get back on track.

IV. Bloc Positions

Western Bloc: Most Western countries are very well developed; they are one of the largest contributors of funds to help African nations develop. In addition, they also contribute a large number of NGO's who support African countries.

Asian Bloc: Some Asian countries feel that Africa needs to take responsibility and grow their own economy like Asian nations are doing. However, China and Japan are on top of technology and they are



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able to help rural areas grow with technological advances. These countries are based on agriculture but they have the necessary tools or materials that help them produce in a greater amount.

Latin Bloc: Many Latin American empathize greatly with African nations since they are going through the same issues.

Middle Eastern Bloc: The Middle Eastern nations have also aided and contributed to many African nations.

V. Questions to Consider

1. What can your country do specifically to aid this issue?
2. What solution to developing Africa would be the most effective?
3. Are there any possible NGO's to support this problem?
4. If you are an African country, what can you do to help develop your country?
5. What are the short and long term goals?