

We, your future collaborators, participants of the ATHGO *International / U.N.U.* Symposium “Architects of the Future: Young Diplomats and the Millennium Development Goals”, adopt the following resolutions:

Recalling the interrelated goals of the United Nations to ensure security, development, and human rights;

Emphasizing the need for transparency and accountability to better address the challenges confronting States in meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

Inspired by the wisdom of our elders and driven by the hope of youth;

Deeply concerned by the task of achieving the Millennium Development Goals on time;

Recognizing the need to garner increased global support for the United Nations system and for the MDGs;

Determined to effect change in four specific areas to achieve the MDGs within the desired timeframe;

### ***I. Global Awareness: the United Nations and the Millennium Development Goals***

Urge the international community to further engage civil society, educational institutions, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and the media, through various measures: *inter alia*, a more aggressive use of modern means of mass communication, while not neglecting the use of more traditional forms so that no area of the globe is overlooked. Of paramount concern is the effective and comprehensive education of young people to the virtues of the UN system and of the details and need to attain the MDGs;

Call upon Member States to convene open debates in their national legislatures to publicly affirm their support for the Millennium Development Goals and relay a plan for their attainment;

Recommend that a demonstrable commitment to meeting the MDGs be an important factor in the selection of Security Council members;

### ***II. Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals***

Urge Member States to fully assume the duty to cooperate and earnestly negotiate a strategy to effect appropriate UN reforms in order to maximize the possibility for collective achievement of the MDGs by 2015;

Recommend that States fulfil their commitments to Official Development Assistance by establishing reasonable timetables for meeting or exceeding the previously agreed-upon assistance level of 0.7% of Gross National Product;

Encourage the United Nations to channel more development funding to local-level organizations in order to further promote community-based projects and more efficiently ensure that the needs of target groups are met;

### ***III. Institutional Reform of the United Nations system***

Premised on the stated rationale for the Security Council expansion of 1965, we urge a similarly reasoned, but more comprehensive response to the contemporary global reality;

Cognizant of geopolitical realities, we advocate a multi-faceted and graduated approach to reform;

In the Short-Term, the Security Council should be enlarged to include an additional nine non-permanent members from regions that are currently underrepresented. Decisions of the Security Council on non-procedural matters ought to be made by an affirmative vote of at least three permanent members and at least fourteen non-permanent members;

In the Mid-Term, the UN, successful regional integrations and the international community at large should vigorously encourage and assist in the creation of robust Regional Integrations throughout the world. This pooling of sovereignty will help improve the governmental, economic, geopolitical and social realities of the affected regions;

In the Long-Term, Regional Integrations should be permitted a prominent and decisive role on the Council in recognition of their highly representative nature. All efforts should be made to abolish the veto mechanism;

Call upon Member States to reform the United Nations Development Fund for Women by expanding its mandates to include, *inter alia*, gender parity, empowerment and equal opportunities for women at all levels of government and private sector endeavour;

### ***IV. Operational Reform of the United Nations system***

Recommend the study and subsequent adoption of the best available contemporary management practices to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of UN activities. Of particular note is the outsourcing of technical services and the continuation and expansion of Public Private Partnerships;

Encourage the UN and Member States to fully adopt modern technologies in order to better streamline, monitor, and evaluate UN operations;

Reaffirm the importance of Youth in the UN system and urge the UN to reform its human resources policies with the aim of greater efficiency, increased certainty and a more a comprehensive incorporation of young people.