

Committee: Health and Human Services 5B

Subject: Eliminating open defecation

Proposed by: Australia

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Concerned about the devastating rates of death, disease, and assault caused by open defecation,
Believing that access is affordable, private, safe, and functioning sanitation facilities are a right that everyone in the world is entitled to,

Recognizing that the UN has set a sustainable goal to “By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations.”,

Acknowledging UNICEF’s commitment to aiding countries to reach ODF (open defecation free) status in numerous countries,

1. Establishing a board of qualified countries that can provide aid, infrastructure expertise, and financial support to struggling nations;
2. Urging developed countries to fund and expand non-governmental organizations working with and in developing countries, led by community leaders who will decide the best way to integrate these systems and educate the community on the health implications of open defecation and lack of hygiene, especially using community-led total sanitation;
3. Investing in permanent sustainable structures such as no-water facilities (sand solutions that process fecal matter into compost which can be used by locals as fertilizer, ex: Zerho Waterless Toilet) that will be placed in relation to the density of people practicing open

defecation and urges countries to use compost produced to create community gardens and support agriculture;

4. Encourages investment in vaccination accessibility led by organizations such as the IFRC (the International Federation of Red Cross) and UNICEF for countries with high rates of open defecation, especially towards communicable diseases resulting from open defecation;
5. Calling upon the World Bank to aid in funding sanitation efforts; specifically employing the use of the IMF.