



**ANNUAL CONFERENCE “STUDENTS AS DIPLOMATS 2020”**  
**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**  
**TOPIC: THE RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING**

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**Signatory Countries:** ALGERIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CHINA, COLOMBIA, DENMARK, EGYPT, GERMANY, GREECE, INDIA, POLAND, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Committee on the Economic, Social and Cultural rights, with the topic: the Right to an Adequate Standard of Living,

*Acknowledging* the previous effort that has been made by the Committee of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

*Taking into consideration* the United Nations International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

*Bearing in mind* the general principles that have been set by the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* all the previous General Comments that have been adopted by the Committee of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

*Recognizing* the effort that all Member States have put into improving the protection of the right to an adequate standard of living,

*Respecting* the minimum standard of living that has been set by Article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant for Human Rights,

*Renewing* Member States’ commitments towards obligations arising from the Covenant,

*Understanding* difficulties that Member States may face to comply with the Covenant, but recognising the need of protecting fundamental human rights related to adequate standard of living,

*Taking under consideration* the Covid-19 pandemic and the unexpected situation that all states have faced,

1. **Highly encourages** Member States to support school feeding programs throughout every student of each country with the aim of preventing children malnutrition,
2. **Suggests** that Member States could impose a tax in order to raise money that will supply families in need of food,
3. **Endorses** the organisation a) of national charities and zero waste food campaigns in collaboration with NGOs, b) educational initiatives in order to raise awareness for global hunger and c) training on indigenous people about installing and using windmills,
4. **Highly recommends** the close cooperation between Member States in order to exchange good practises concerning: a) the improvement of food systems and b) the management of food imports and exports in cooperation with Food Agricultural Organisation,
5. **Urges** all Member States on launching food banks systems where people in need can find nutritional aid,
6. **Emphasizes** the importance of the organisation of educational programs with the aim to inform schools about the proper water use and zero water waste,
7. **Recommends** that Governments could renovate urban infrastructure so as to prevent the groundwater pollution,
8. **Advices** Member States to create a fund for the building of water sanitation plants next to lakes and rivers, especially in rural areas,

9. **Encourages** Member States to take advantage of new technologies by implementing recycling water mechanisms and making frequent PH tests, in collaboration with technology corporations,
10. **Further requests** to States through their collaboration to share their water supply in cooperation with the Water Aid Organisation and other Regional Organisations and keep track of their progress,
11. **Endorses** the implementation of housing programs taking as an example the “Habitat for Humanity”, taking place in Colombia, with the aim of protecting homeless and eviction citizens,
12. **Highly urges** Member States, on creating a new law for the protection of the first residence,
13. **Recommends** the implementation of “Social Indicators” so as to track the homeless people in every country and further create a number of shelters needed with the aid of the United Nations,
14. **Underlines** the importance of the proportion between national salaries and house rents in order to prevent forced evictions,
15. **Draws the attention** to the existence of an educational program that will raise awareness: a) on the COVID-19 pandemic and how it can be prevented and b) on the importance of health as a fundamental right,
16. **Encourages** Member States to increase the opportunities and benefits for local doctors to prevent brain drain.
17. **Encourages** the incorporation of technology into healthcare such as mobile clinics, in order to improve hospital facilities,
18. **Promotes** the cooperation between the public and private sector, so as for everyone to have access to health system in collaboration with World Health Organisation,
19. **Recommends** Member States to create community bins where people can donate clothes in order to supply people in need,

20. **Advices** State Member's governments to set a GDP spending target relevant to the countries development in order to achieve an adequate standard of living
21. **Further reminds** to Member States to promote existing sustainable clothing brands and implement a clothing recycle system,
22. **Encourages** all Member States to comply with their obligations towards this Convention.