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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Regarding The Education of Women Globally

The Human Rights Council,

Deeply concerned by the startling disparities between the education of men and women around the world, where women compose of two-thirds of the world's 796 million illiterate people,

Alarmed that approximately 132 million girls are out of school worldwide, including 34.3 million of primary school age, 30 million of lower-secondary school age, and 67.4 million of upper-secondary school age,

Disturbed that only 25% of countries have achieved gender parity in upper-secondary education,

Noting that women are marginally represented in institutions of higher education, thus negating their involvement in emerging fields like Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), with women currently making up only 35% of STEM graduates globally,

Deeply concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this situation, with 5.2 million girls at risk of dropping out due to domestic violence, teen pregnancy, and reduced financial resources for education while under lockdown measures,

Fully aware of the United Nations' 5th Sustainable Development Goal to achieve gender equality and empower women and girls,

Appreciating that since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action to advance the rights of girls and women by 189 countries in 1995, the global enrollment rate for girls has increased from 73% to 89% with notable improvements seen in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia,

Recognizing that girls and women face several barriers in accessing education including poverty, child marriage, unsanitary conditions, and gender-based violence,

Emphasizing that according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, girls and women deserve the same education as their male counterparts, and that girls' education is essential for economic growth and reduced inequality,

1. *Urges* countries that have female literacy rates below 60% to invest 3% of their GDP to improve their education systems so that they prioritize gender equality;
2. *Calls upon* member states to increase their funding to UN Women, the United Nations entity for gender equality and women empowerment, by 50 basis points,
3. *Strongly recommends* that countries with female literacy rates below 60% create committees to address and eliminate barriers to education for women like distance, domestic violence, sexual exploitation, unsafe conditions, and societal expectations;
4. *Calls for* all member states to promptly increase the representation of women in both national and local government bodies, until they account for 45-55% of governmental leadership roles by the year 2026;
5. *Strongly urges* countries with female literacy rates below 60% to formally mandate the schooling of girls until at least the secondary level.

Submitter: Denmark

Seconded: Finland

Negated: Afghanistan