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Question of: The question of Smart Cities

The Economic and Social Council,

Keeping in mind the European Union's efforts in promoting the development of smart cities, known as The European Innovation Partnership for Smart Cities and Communities;

Acknowledging the importance of sustainable development in the context of current energy consumption and existing safety and security issues;

Recognizing the eleventh goal of the 2015 sustainable development goals, which aims to ensure high quality public services, housing, and lowering environmental costs;

Recalling the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and industrial partners' creation of the United Smart Cities initiative that aims to ensure economic, demographic, and environmental stability of cities;

Taking into consideration the threat of hacking and the importance of the implementation of digitally secure information and communication technologies (ICT) in a city;

Noting the need for immediate action on the issue to make the idea of Smart Cities more accessible and achievable in the near future;

1. Calls for the establishment of the UN Smart Cities Fund (UNSCF) as part of the UN Development Program (UNDP) to be tasked with:
 - a. Conducting research and knowledge sharing in the field of smart cities, in cooperation with other government and non-government smart city initiatives with specific focus on spreading smart city knowledge and research to the developing nations,
 - b. Advising developing countries on the implementation of smart city technologies by providing on-site consultants, as well as producing reports on request as to the proposed implementation of smart city technology,
 - c. Working with the World Bank to find suitable financing solutions for national, regional, and local governments', as well as private sector smart city initiatives in developing countries,
 - d. Arranging an annual Smart City Summit to be held in cities with established smart city

- initiatives, with the purpose of encouraging the sharing of knowledge between the officials and businesspeople of developed and developing countries,
- e. Working in cooperation with technological Multinational Corporations to providing willing countries with nationwide Internet coverage, which would be paid for by the country in the question with the help of the World Bank;
2. Encourages the construction and implementation of more efficient public transport systems such as high-speed trains, in order to resolve the problem of traffic, as well as encouraging the use of public transport and environmentally friendly methods of transport through:
 - a. Implementing and enforcing bike lanes and systems of bike rentals in major towns and cities,
 - b. Providing incentives to users of public transport;
 3. Recommends that countries with help from UNDP assess the effectiveness of healthcare expenditures on the country's overall health status, and properly allocate resources to better improve it by:
 - a. Provide incentives to encourage patients to register with a general practitioner and through the use of a referral system to find the most effective care,
 - b. Increasing and improving data collection between patients and researchers, which will be done anonymously, so as not to compromise patient's personal data and thus to better understand, diagnose, and treat diseases, as well as create a greater amount of data to improve the capabilities of health systems,
 - c. Use this information to provide effective improvements for LEDCs, and if LEDCs are unable to collect said data, the UNDP and WHO should provide funding and consulting to develop necessary data collection systems;
 4. Encourages the use of renewable electricity by making them cost the same amount as non-renewable energy by action such as but not limited to:
 - a. Encouraging the use of solar panels in flat areas, especially rural areas which would be beneficial to cities,
 - b. Promoting the building of dams which could provide hydroelectric energy and limit natural hazards, i.e. floods by checking on the construction every six months or more often if possible,
 - c. Creating employment through the construction process of such facilities, which is vital especially for transitional economies of LEDCs,
 - d. Utilizing a regional development strategy that will focus on implementing renewable energy sources on a regional basis that creates a diagnosis for what form of energy would be most effective.