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Topic: The Role of Urbanization in Sustainable Development

1 *The General Assembly,*

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3 *Recalling* the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development outlined in General Assembly resolution 70/1, particularly
4 the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11, to “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and
5 sustainable”,

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7 *Emphasizing* the importance of the 2016 Paris Climate Agreement and its goal of keeping the increase in global
8 average temperature to below 2°C above pre-industrial levels,

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10 *Considering* the conclusions from the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban
11 Development (Habitat III),

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13 *Acknowledging* the need to reduce transportation based on fossil fuels, stressing the importance of adopting more
14 eco-friendly options, such as electricity-powered high-speed trains, and recognizing in particular the importance of
15 an environment-friendly alternative of transporting commercial goods between cities, countries and continents,

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17 *Supporting* the usage of renewable resources, such as solar, wind and hydro energy to provide green energy,

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19 *Realizing* that undesired effects of urbanization, such as the Urban-Rural divide, reduction of air quality in cities or
20 disenfranchisement of the poor can mainly be attributed to mismanagement and lack of funds,

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22 *Taking into account* that the creation of infrastructure projects serves as an effective opportunity of creating jobs and
23 stimulating economic growth,

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25 *Acknowledging* that 90% of the world’s population growth until 2030 will take place in Africa and Asia,

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27 *Realizing* the benefits of the *United Nations Special Climate Change Fund* (UNSCCF), which was established in
28 2001 to finance different projects relating to certain areas, such as technology transfer and capacity building, energy,
29 transport, industry, agriculture, forestry, water management, economic diversification,

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31 *Emphasizing* the need for an increased global exchange of ideas and research results with regard to sustainable
32 transportation,

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34 1. *Recommends* the establishment of a United Nations Sustainable Infrastructure and Railway Initiative (SIRI),
35 which shall inter alia:

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37 a. Support Member States on a multilateral level regarding the planning and implementation of
38 sustainable infrastructure projects, particularly on the field of railway transportation;

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40 b. Become a part of the Special Climate Change Fund and therefore allow Member States to access
41 existing financial resources of said fund in order to realize their infrastructure projects;

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43 2. *Supports* the idea of constructing an extended railway system that connects not only countries, but also adjoined
44 continents to promote inclusive globalization and to foster economic growth in a sustainable manner, which
45 shall:

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47 a. Start as a pilot project by further connecting the countries of the Eurasian continent and then transition
48 towards the African continent;

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- 50 b. Be implemented upon existing infrastructure by renewing it, or be created by building new
51 infrastructure where necessary;
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- 53 c. Focus on the usage of electricity-powered trains to reduce net emissions and support sustainable
54 transportation;
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- 56 d. Not only connect economic centers and big cities, but also put an emphasis on providing transportation
57 and access to more rural areas, thus supporting the development of those areas and ensuring that all
58 people can benefit from globalization, not only those located in urban areas;
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- 60 e. Utilize the financial means of the aforementioned SCCF;
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- 62 3. *Encourages* all Member States to closely monitor the success of the SIRI and its pilot project in the Eurasian
63 continent;
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- 65 4. *Encourages* also all Member States to participate in the SIRI in their respective geographical area by utilizing:
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- 67 a. The financial means provided for the SIRI by the SCCF;
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- 69 b. The financial means provided by the funds of their respective regional Economic Commissions;
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- 71 5. Suggests the establishment of a United Nations Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on Sustainable
72 Transportation Infrastructure, which shall:
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- 74 a. Exist as a part of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD);
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- 76 b. Have a formal meeting every six months and discuss the latest developments in the field of
77 transportation infrastructure, with the goal of improving scientific exchange between countries on said
78 topic;
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- 80 c. Consist of representatives from fifteen different Member States, that will be elected by the General
81 Assembly for a six-year term;
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- 83 d. Will publish a report on their past work every three years.