

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COMMITTEE: UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA)

**AGENDA: INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
TRANSLATING AGENDA 2030 FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
INTO REALITY AND THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

The 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was adopted in 2015 by all countries of the United Nations.

- (a) The 2030 Agenda applies to all countries.**
- (b) The SDGs are interlinked.**
- (c) Leaving no one behind.**
- (d) Development must be smart--- if it's not risk – informed, it's not sustainable.**
- (e) Everyone is needed!**

Under the Obama Administration, the United States has committed and helped mobilize more than \$100 Billion in new funding from other donors and the private sector to fight poverty in the areas of health, food, security and every building on more than a half century of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and the President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) under President George.W. Bush, President Obama released the first US Global Development Policy in 2010. For the first time global development was elevated as a core pillar of American power and recognized as a strategic, economic and moral importance for the United States.

The US commits to achieve each of the goals and targets domestically. This includes ending all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls both of which remain significant challenge with the US. Through the SDGs, the US also commits to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health services, a topic that remains the source of needs domestic political controversy in the US. These commitments are important and US activists must hold their government accountable for meeting these goals domestically.

The US ensures to work that the development funding is being spent in a manner consistent with the Sustainable Development Goals and the entire 2030 Agenda.

It's critical that the US foreign assistance funding and programming not just pursue the listed goals and targets, but also promotes the values upon which the entire agenda is built, human

rights, the rule of law, justice, equality and non-discrimination, respect for race, ethnicity and cultural diversity.

On paper, the Agenda is a major step forward for women around the world. It moves well beyond the narrow ambitious layout over 21 years ago in the Millennium Development Goals, and it recognizes the centrality of gender, equality and women's empowerment to the entire development agenda and women's empowerment to the countries, including the US, must take challenging steps to implement the Agenda at home, and to promote and fuel it around the world.

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