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**QUESTION OF: ENHANCING WOMEN POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.**

The General Assembly,

Mindful of the high female illiteracy rate in developing countries which consequently exclude women in prominent decision-making and engagement between political parties,

Fully aware of the social norms, cultural norms and mobility restriction for women who are foreseen to prioritize traditional gender roles, particularly in impoverished regions,

Deeply concerned of the under-representation of female politicians on media and the prejudiced media coverage, particularly women of colour,

Grieved that women are victims of harassment, intimidation and gender-based violence as elected members or candidates on account of socio-economic divide, hindering their participation for safety concerns,

Conscious of the lower economic status of women over men and their constraints to financial resources which hamper their provisions for political campaigns,

Alarmed that as at 13th May 2024, UN women stated that there are 28 countries where 28 women hold the title of as Head of State and/or Government and that it is predicted that gender equality in the highest position of power may not be reached for another 130 years,

Concerned by the lower credibility of women in politics, mainly representing as subordinate female politicians instead of leadership positions,

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Aware of the undermined legislations and gender quotas in countries that inadequately represent women in parliament,

Referring to UN Women data report of the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024, only 28 countries have women serve as Head of State and quotes that 'gender equality in the highest positions of power will not be reached for another 130 years',

1. Approves of the implemented educational programmes in developing countries which can further be enhanced by promoting educational scholarships and fellowships for women to study political science and related fields;
2. Calls upon the prioritization of technology and digital tools in developing countries that will empower women's ability to access global political data and participation in democratic operations through social media platforms to share experiences and strategies;
3. Encourages sponsoring of gender-sensitive reporting for a fair and balanced representation of women on media through gender fellowships among reporters and uplift the elimination of stereotypes;
4. Supports motions to educate men and boys to take a stand against gender violence through civil society organizations which can be funded by the World Bank and WFM;
5. Invites a pay equity policy in nations to reinforce women's participation in politics given their accessibility in hosting effective political campaigns;
6. Recommends encouraging political parties to adopt internal policies and legislations through women wings and work on gender equality and collaborate with local or international non-governmental organizations to focus on women's rights and political participation;

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7. Emphasizes on further adopting gender quotas for both electoral gender quotas and parliamentary quotas in developing countries and gender-sensitive leadership pathways for women to engage in politics at high levels;
8. Recommends encouraging political parties to adopt internal policies through women wings and work on gender equality and collaborate with local or international non-governmental organizations to focus on women's rights and political participation;
9. Further requests promoting work-life balance, workplace flexibility for women so as not to face dual roles as a working parent;
10. Trusts the establishment of comprehensive training programs aiming at communication, networking and leadership skills to empower women to participate with confidence in political processes at higher levels.