FORUM: General Assembly, 4th Committee

QUESTION OF: Safeguarding presidential elections in LEDCs

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Recognizes that countries may freely choose their own type of government, whether it be a communist, dictatorship or a democracy,

Taking into account the tyranny and dictatorships faced by many countries, specifically Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs), due to disruption of the electoral integrity and corruption during presidential elections,

Taking into consideration that Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs) face electoral fraud and corruption, and political violence that can drastically influence the results,

Taking note the disenfranchisement that occurs in countries, especially Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs) that can lead to unrest within the country's population,

Having considered that Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs) are in need of foreign resources, economic and military support, to safeguard their presidential elections as they don't have the capacity to enforce this themselves,

Bearing in mind that the involvement of international organizations can be seen as intrusive and disrespectful seeing as they may infringe on national sovereignty and disrespect local culture,

Fully aware that the involvement of international organizations will affect many countries globally due to the amount of time and money they dedicate to safeguarding presidential elections in Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs),

Expecting more distortion of the public opinion in the coming elections due to abuse of Artificial Intelligence and creation of fake accounts,

1. <u>Endorses</u> that support in the safeguarding of presidential elections will only be given to countries, mainly Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs), that are in need of the support and that are willing to accept the support, and highly encourages fellow member states to give this support to LEDC's;

- 2. <u>Emphasizes</u> each State's responsibility as a sovereign nation to not intervene in other States affairs that include the outcome in national elections;
- 3. <u>Trusts</u> that the support offered to Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs) is not highly intrusive or disrespectful and that each country respects the boundaries placed by other countries;
- 4. <u>Requests</u> for the United Nations to invest in countries and independent agencies who will only:
 - a. investigate on states' operations on foreign soil that might be influences over other states' national elections
 - b. support the countries that are willing to accept the support and in need of it
 - c. sanction states that have violated or/and continue to violate each state's right to hold national elections and for its people be the only people who elect their country's government;
- 5. <u>Appreciates</u> the solutions that has already been implemented to help the electoral integrity in Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs) and further encourages countries to continue implementing, yet this must only be done if the LEDCs are willing to accept this help from other member states;
- 6. <u>Emphasizes</u> the need for economic and military support in order to attain fair democratic elections;
- 7. <u>Reaffirms</u> that this topic should be given more importance as in the present day this topic is rarely discussed;
- 8. <u>Calls upon</u> members states to only give help to Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDC's) if democracy is the system fitting best with the countries religion, tradition and culture;
- 9. <u>Proclaims</u> that if a LEDC State is willing to be helped in safeguarding a national election then:
 - a. LEDCs must regularly send the current electoral votes and statistics and proof with the data from the voting machines to the United Nations, to ensure there is no tampering with the votes
 - b. send United Nations agents that will be placed in voting stations and in counting areas to check that there isn't corruption or external factors influencing the votes;
- 10. <u>Further emphasizes</u> that safeguarding presidential election in Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDC's), or any such event may only be carried out by Neutral Action Takers (NAT's):

- a. NAT's must not be allowed to support any political party, or have any idea of which political party has better ideas than the other
- b. NAT's must only undertake violent action if this would be the single possible option to let the election remain fair and safe, if this must happen, the election is canceled immediately and must be redone to make sure elections are 100 percent safe
- c. NAT's must be approved by the UN;
- 11. <u>Strongly opposes</u> any attempts to control or impose safeguarding processes on other countries, condemning its repeated interference, which has led to escalation and instability as this overreach ignores international rules and undermines the sovereignty of nations, causing more harm than good.