

RESOLUTION: ECON III/D
COMMITTEE: Council of Economic Affairs Ministers
TOPIC: Exploring efforts to encourage the development and financing of the information technology sector

Acknowledging the precedent set by foreign involvement in the region and its effects,

Understanding member states' calls to maintain sovereignty while continuing to pursue development in technology education,

Seeking to create an apparatus to create state education opportunities with the goal of creating nationalized corporations to provide technology development, and

Concerned about the lack of programs to educate Arab state citizens on internet use and technology in additional programs including hands-on vocational training as well as the lack of electrical infrastructure in developing nations,

Be it hereby resolved that the League of Arab States:

1. **Creates** the Education and Technology Sovereignty Organization (ETSO) to provide a council allowing states to collectivize education and financial resources, which will:
 - a. Make recommendations for the appropriation of funds of individual states toward technology and education in respective states,
 - i. Taking into consideration individual concerns of each state, the ETSO will make nation-specific, rather than pan-Arab recommendations for funds and appropriations in the tech sector,
 - ii. Noting that the sovereignty of each state will at all times be respected and the educated propositions of the council are no more than research-supported suggestions for each sovereign government,
 - iii. Maintaining the purpose of the ETSO, which is to provide a think tank and center of information and research for the utilization of each nation independently,
 - b. Publish reports regarding the progress, goals, and initiatives of ETSO, which can be further expanded through organization summits,
 - c. Provide expertise with the goal of member nations modernizing and providing states the opportunities to excel in the technology oriented economy of the future;
2. **Calls upon** all participating member nations to contribute what each is willing and able to, in order to fund the collective pool of ETSO and encourages members to contribute according to their individual educational and monetary capabilities; in addition,

- a. No nation will be required to participate and all nations will have the opportunity to opt out of the program,
 - b. Make these recommendations upon requests by the individual member state,
 - c. Mandates that states contributions to the ETSO will not be correlated with the funding allotted for specific states,
 - i. That rather, appropriations will be allocated to regions in which they will cause the greatest advance in the technological environment, as determined by the ETSO,
 - ii. That contributions are to be decided independently by each member state, and will be revised at the course of each year, and
 - iii. Data on progress will be reported to the council to ensure efficient use of fund;
3. **Recommends** the creation of a pan-Arab educational institute as a subsidiary body of the ETSO in which each member nation will have the opportunity to use the expertise and resources of ETSO to pursue their own individually determined technology education initiatives which include,
 - a. Technical and vocational training for electricians and specialists in IT, coding, technology repair, and maintenance of internet and electrical networks, and
 - b. General public education campaigns on digital citizenship;
4. **Establishes** a network of support through the ETSO for civilians fleeing various conflicts across the region,
 - a. With the goal of avoiding further Arab ‘brain drain’, educated civilians fleeing war-torn nations would be provided economic opportunities in ETSO member states with the goal of using their expertise to help educate native inhabitants in the host countries, and
 - b. Through a program in which citizens from underdeveloped countries can approach the Organization to be channeled to self-designated host countries in order to help develop future technology infrastructure across the league;
5. **Approves** of ETSO’s goal to level the developmental and technological playing field of all Arab nations, by,
 - a. Providing support to repair and expand existing electrical infrastructure, in order to create a stable foundation for enabling technological advancement in all Arab League economies, and
 - b. Creating a united front of Arab League states in cooperating toward a common technologically-centered future in our economies; and

6. **Suggests** the formation and utilization of private partnerships, internal to the Arab League, with regards to the operations of ETSO in the region, specifically for:
 - a. Providing high-quality education services at affordable prices,
 - b. Considering ETSO for corporate social responsibility initiatives,
 - c. Boosting innovation regarding effective distribution of services, and
 - d. Exploring productive partnerships with non-Arab League nations and foreign corporations.