Forum: The United Nations Industrial Development Organization

**Question of:** Enhancing global circumstances to implement the concept of corporate social responsibility



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The United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

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Deeply concerned about the growing problems induced by climate change,

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Aware of the lack of adequate actions taken by companies to minimize their negative impact on the environment, such as but not limited to the emission of toxic gases which have a high potential to damage earth's ozone layer,

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Alarmed by the large amount of underpaid work, sweatshops and child labour in developing countries, which create a considerable danger to the workers' health and do not support people of those developing countries to strive for higher education,

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Noting with deep concern the lack of internationally standardised CSR guidelines,

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- 1. <u>Seeks to</u> implement international CSR standards, guidelines, and principles which bind all companies registered in member countries of the United Nations in order to minimize their negative impact on the environment by taking actions such as but not limited to
- a. a reduction of the emission of toxic substances by
  - i. installing fume filter systems to minimize air pollution and
  - ii. adjusting the work procedure to produce less toxic substances,
  - b. using renewable energy sources to power their work;

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- 2. <u>Further seeks</u> to implement international CSR standards, guidelines and principles which bind all companies registered in member states of the United Nations, which include measures such as, but not limited to
  - a. eliminating child labour,
  - b. offering minimum wages based on the costs of living in the country,
  - c. offering affordable health insurance,
  - d. limiting the work time to 49 hours per week or an average of seven hours per day and
  - e. financially supporting workers who cannot work full time because of reasons such as
    - i. health problems,
    - ii. disablement,
    - iii. pregnancy,
    - iv. parenthood,
- v. their pursuit of higher education;

37 38 39	3.	<u><b>Proposes</b></u> to support collective initiatives and businesses which act in the interest of the common good to promote CSR in developing countries;
40 41 42	4.	<u>Invites</u> companies to mainly make contracts with partners who are taking notable action to implement Corporate Social Responsibility guidelines;
43 44 45 46	5.	<u>Proposes</u> the creation of a UNCSRC (United Nations Corporate Social Responsibility Committee) to observe and oversee companies' implementations of CSR guidelines and to report costs of living of each country;
47 48 49	6.	<u>Urges</u> all member states to ensure benefits such as, but not limited to an import and export tax abatement for all companies already enhancing the concept of CSR;
50 51 52 53 54 55	7.	Calls for programmes to assess how much money each country should spend on CSR research and education within their own country which  a. will be financed by UN funds  b. will be guided by the UNCSRC  c. will support the poorer countries if they cannot realize the suggestions;
56 57 58	8.	<u>Invites</u> all member states to financially support small farmers and enterprises which are trying to implement CSR guidelines;
59 60 61	9.	<u>Suggests</u> that should a majority of employees of a company be of the same nationality, they must also be represented in upper management positions, especially on a national level;
62	10.	<u>Decides</u> to remain actively seized on the matter.