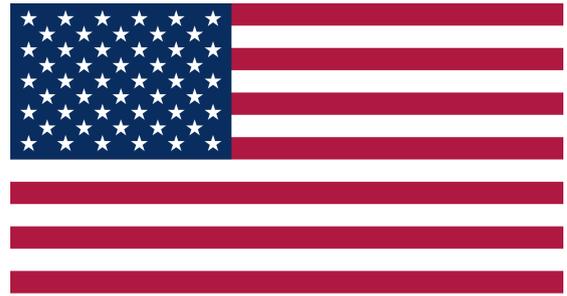


## **Position Paper**

**Committee: ECOSOC**

**Agenda Item: Tackling Youth Unemployment  
and Promoting Sustainable Economic Growth**

**Country: United States of America**



The United States of America, one of the founding countries of the United Nations as well as a longstanding advocate for implementing international cooperation, remains committed to advancing and resolving issues related to economic opportunities, sustainable development, global stability and much more. As one of the leading economies of the world, the United States of America recognises its importance and the responsibility it holds in coming up with possible solutions and routes to follow in overcoming these global issues. The United States of America is ready to work with fellow Member States to empower all populations, especially our youth, to participate fully in the global economy.

Youth unemployment is one of the biggest issues society today faces, especially after the Covid-19 pandemic where the number of unemployed people reached rates it hadn't reached before. While numbers have subsided since then, according to the International Labour Organisation statistics, the youth NEET rate, which refers to the share of youth aged 15 to 24 not in employment, education or training, is still at 20.4%.

The United States of America (USA) recognises that youth unemployment is one of the most critical challenges to having a stable national and global economy. Youth, when left unemployed, are not only unable to contribute to society and the national economy, they're unable to meet their simplest needs, therefore cannot live the fulfilling lives they most definitely deserve.

The United States of America has implemented plenty of changes in the way it functions to be able to promote sustainable economic growth, as well as tackling youth unemployment issues. Some examples for these actions include the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, which is an immersive youth employment program for eligible youth between ages 14-24 facing barriers in various parts of life, the Department of Labour and its variety of projects, and much more.

The United States of America proposes the application of acts and programmes such as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act on a wider scale, aimed specifically for the youth, promoting development of small and medium sized businesses and placing encouragement benefits if such businesses hire the youth, strengthening social protection systems and much more.

The United States of America is ready to work with Member States throughout the conference to come up with the necessary measures that should be taken to help tackle youth unemployment and promote sustainable economic growth.

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