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Having considered the necessity of intellectual property rights in the global community,

Guided by article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that states everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of him- or herself and of his or her family, including food, clothing, housing, and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his or her control,

Emphasizing article 28 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that states everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration can be fully realized,

Approving the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Sub-Commission on Human Rights resolution 2000/7,

Noting the shortcomings of the TRIPS agreements in the form of not providing for the right to health of least developed countries and other developing states,

Further considering the New Rules for Global Financial Coalition report of November 2003 entitled “Debating the Tobin Tax.”

Recognizing the responsibility of the international community to protect any citizen of the world according to the United Nations Charter and Kofi Annan’s report “In Larger Freedom.”

1. Strongly calls upon the implementation of a tax on all short-term spot currency transaction of 0.1%, inspired by the initiatives of Nobel Laureate Prize Winner in Economics, James Tobin, in order to fund development in developing countries,

2. Proclaims the necessity of redefining the concept of patent for pharmaceuticals which are in dire need for developing countries,

3. Requests (upon the establishment of a progressive universal patent tax) the signatories of TRIPS to agree on the implementation of a progressive tax on all approved patent holders who after 3 years from the patent approval date have established a profit under the patented product, and on such profit will be assessed a tax on the basis of the amount of the profit under the certain rules listed in the supplement,

4. Recommends the creation of an international organization that shall oversee the drug standards of its member states and the membership dues of this organization will be used to fund the sustainability of the organization, as well as technological development in developing states.