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**FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON  
DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS**

*"The OSCE: Addressing New Security Challenges"*

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**THIRD COMMITTEE DRAFT RESOLUTION**  
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1. Recognising the devastating effect that the current global financial crisis is having on people across the world,
2. Underlining that vulnerable and marginalised sections of the population are effected disproportionately and are suffering particularly hard,
3. Noting that no part of the OSCE is immune to the social and humanitarian consequences of the ongoing crisis,
4. Recalling previous OSCE PA declarations addressing the particular challenges of vulnerable groups such as women, children, national minorities, and migrants,
5. Convinced that urgent action is needed to safeguard against further marginalisation of at-risk groups,
6. Recalling United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 which specifically notes the disproportionate impact of armed conflict on women, and recognizes the under-valued and under-utilized contributions women make to conflict prevention, peacekeeping, conflict resolution and peace-building,

**The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:**

7. Notes that at-risk groups are typically the first ones to suffer from economic difficulties, and the last ones to recover;
8. Encourages participating States to promote policies aimed at increasing inclusiveness in the workforce;
9. Affirms the importance of equitable access to education for all children and youths to facilitate their quick entry into the labour market;
10. Regrets that women's economic dependency on men, particularly in times of economic difficulty, makes women easy targets for oppression and abuse, as well as potential victims of prostitution and human trafficking;
11. Urges the OSCE, field missions, and participating States to redouble efforts to combat trafficking in human beings through preventative programmes;
12. Recognises the crucial role that the family and traditional social networks play in assisting at-risk individuals and groups, and encourages participating States to increase support for such networks;
13. Calls upon parliamentarians to be particularly vigilant in fighting intolerance against minorities and other vulnerable groups, who are often made scapegoats during times of financial difficulty;

14. Urges participating States to vigorously combat child labour, particularly through:
  - a) comprehensive legislation outlawing all exploitative child labour,
  - b) special training for law enforcement personnel on methods to identify victims of child labour;
  - c) mechanisms protecting victims of this crime,
  - d) support programmes to assist victims' entry into schools;
15. Calls upon participating States to redouble efforts aimed at fighting paedophilia, child poverty, and the involvement of children in crime, including through partnership programmes with mass-media aimed at bringing greater focus to these crimes;
16. Requests participating States to increase efforts aimed at establishing bilateral co-operation agreements on child adoption issues, ensuring that the best interests of children are always maintained;
17. Notes the difficulties faced by children after a divorce between parents who are different nationalities, and urges that all efforts, including legislation, be aimed at ensuring that the best interests of the children are protected in custody arrangements;
18. Further urges OSCE parliamentarians to actively facilitate international exchange of best-practice in addressing the particular needs of vulnerable social groups;
19. Reminds that during conflicts, particular care must be taken to protect the human rights of civilians.

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**On**

***“THE OSCE: ADDRESSING NEW SECURITY CHALLENGES”***

*[Set out text of Amendment here:]*

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