



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GA1/I/5

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Prevention of the Violent Disintegration of States

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: The First Committee

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- 1 *Affirming* the right of self determination of all peoples as mentioned in Article 55 of the UN Charter and
2 the rights of minorities,
- 3 *Believing* in the sovereignty of states and respect for internationally recognized territorial borders of states,
- 4 *Guided by* a preference for prevention of violent disintegration of states rather than UN peacekeeping
5 intervention,
- 6 *Approving* of steadfast UN peace keeping operations where violent disintegration of states is taking place,
- 7 *Taking into account* that the costs of destruction of political systems, that occur as a result of violent
8 disintegration of states, are much higher than overall costs of UN troops and humanitarian operations,
- 9 *Deeply convinced* that the sooner a conflict is resolved, the greater the success in preventing violent
10 disintegration,
- 11 *Approving of* the efforts of the 2000 Conference on the Illicit Trade of Small Arms and Light Weapons,
 - 12 1. *Calls upon* the Human Rights Commission to prepare annually a list of member states in the UN
13 where the status of ethnic, racial and religious minorities is a potential cause of violent
14 disintegration of the state;
 - 15 2. *Recommends* that in those States, where problems seem to be the most severe, the UN forms a
16 panel which will:
 - 17 a. Consist of UN-appointed independent experts and mediators, as well as the officials of the state
18 concerned;
 - 19 b. Have the purpose of acting as a platform for in which demands of various groups are heard by
20 State and UN officials;
 - 21 c. Identify specific areas of conflict within States and suggest a tentative course of action to

- 22 address the needs of said minorities and the society as a whole in the member states;
- 23 3. *Expresses* its hope that such a discussion will bring about a discussion and examination of
24 demands of various groups by the society at large;
- 25 4. *Further recommends* monitoring of such regions by UN to recognize problems as soon as they
26 arise so that the UN may assist in voluntary arbitration if desired;
- 27 5. *Draws attention to* the importance of pre-existing regional organizations in long-term economic
28 development and political stability;
- 29 6. *Endorses* existing UN resolutions on illegal small arms trafficking in the hope that limiting access
30 to small arms by civilians might help prevent the violent outbreak of conflicts;
- 31 7. *Encourages* the implementation of “weapons for development” initiatives in which arms are given
32 up by citizens to the UNDP in exchange for roads, telephone services and other infrastructure.

Final Vote: 46 In Favor / 29 Opposed / 19 Abstentions