



American Model United Nations

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNHCR/I/3

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Implementing the Goals and Objectives of
Convention Plus

SUBMITTED TO: The United Nations High Commissioner for
Refugees

SUBMITTED BY: Sudan, Eritrea, Benin, Honduras, Haiti

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- 1 *Recognizing* that refugees are vulnerable people,
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3 *Aware* that distrust is sometimes fostered between refugee and non-refugee
4 groups, such as, but not limited to, international organizations, aid agencies, and host
5 countries, because of past treatment and disillusionment as to the prospect of
6 improvement of the refugee situations,
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8 *Observing* that refugees do not have a medium in which to express their concerns
9 about safety and the meeting of their needs,
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11 *Believing* that effective communications and feedback are key to improving
12 overall conditions,
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14 *Guided* by the notion that establishment of a program for the enhancement of
15 communication does not require a substantial resource or monetary commitment,
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17 *Convinced* that the small resource requirements would provide incentive for world
18 wide support,
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20 *Confident* that a program for the enhancement of communication would encourage
21 cooperation as an essential tool for development,
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23 1. *Identifies* the forum of dialogue between refugees and the UNHCR as the Panel
24 for Effective Refugee Communication (PERC);
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26 2. *Emphasizes* dialogue that includes identification of problems and suggestions
27 for resolutions of problems;
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29 3. *Recommends* that suggestions for resolutions of problems include discussion of
30 available resources and consider lobbying as a tool to obtain necessary resources when

31 they are not available or sufficient;

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33 4. *Expresses its hope* that improved communication will build trust within the
34 refugee population, as well as between refugees, UNCHR, and other aid organizations;

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36 5. *Notes* that establishing trust within the refugee population creates the
37 framework for cooperation, and cooperation enables training, such as educational or
38 public health campaigns, and development programs for refugees to take hold;

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40 6. *Proclaims* that the successful implementation of this empowerment program is
41 a positive step in working toward self-sufficiency for refugees;

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43 7. *Emphasizes* that self-sufficiency strengthens Convention Plus and repatriation
44 efforts.

Passed, Yes: 10 / No: 6 / Abstain: 10