



American Model United Nations

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNHCR/II/5

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Strengthening UNCHR Repatriation Operations

SUBMITTED TO: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

SUBMITTED BY: Honduras

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

1 *Noting with satisfaction* the third Millennium Goal, as stated in the year 2000 of the
2 promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women,

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4 *Noting with appreciation* the 120 countries that have implemented national gender action
5 plans, and the 180 that have signed the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of
6 Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), and the 45 countries that has solidified legislation to
7 end violence against women,

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9 *Fully Alarmed* that women in conflict, displacement and refugee camps are at increased
10 risk of sexual violence and abuse and that protection and support for women survivors of
11 violence in conflict and post-conflict areas is woefully inadequate,

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13 1. *Requests* that the funding for this worthwhile cause come from private donors, to be
14 directed towards the backing of a sub-committee to the UNHCR that is completely focused on
15 the protection of women while they remain in refugee camps, as a result such actions would
16 increase the global awareness of the fundamental human rights of women while they remain in
17 refugee camps;

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19 2. *Urges* the appointment of more women as special representatives and envoys to
20 conflict regions, and that gender issues are placed on the agenda and fully addressed in the
21 agreements reached;

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23 3. *Supports* all the actions of the United Nations High Commission on Refugees has
24 made towards ending the violence against women as a weapon of war, meaning systematic rape
25 is often used as a weapon of global conflict, and in particular ethnic cleansing;

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27 4. *Solemnly affirms* that the promotion and protection of the rights of women will not
28 only be of benefit to the women themselves, but will also move to alleviate some of their
29 dependence on the host country of which they reside.

Passed, Yes: 31 / No: 1 / Abstain: 5