



American Model United Nations  
**Third Committee**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Torture and Other Cruel, In-human, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

SUBMITTED TO: The Third Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, Ukraine, United Kingdom

*The Third Committee*

1        *Reaffirming* that under no circumstance should torture or other cruel, in-human,  
2 and degrading treatment be implemented upon any person, including but not limited to,  
3 times of war, state of emergency, or interrogation of prisoners,  
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5        *Guided by* the understanding that mental and physical torture are equally  
6 significant, and that torture, as well as in-human and degrading treatment or punishment  
7 toward children and juveniles is particularly deplorable,  
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9        *Keeping in mind* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention  
10 Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the  
11 International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights and the Istanbul Protocol,  
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13        *Emphasizing* the necessity of all nations to refrain from torture and to ratify the  
14 Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, In-human, or Degrading Treatment or  
15 Punishment, and the Optional Protocol to that convention, which includes preventative  
16 and regulatory measures of enforcement,  
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18        *Bearing in mind* resolution 61/153 which urges States not to expel, extradite, or  
19 transfer a person to another state where there are substantial grounds for believing the  
20 person would be in danger of being subjected to torture,  
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22        *Stressing*, with strong respect to state sovereignty as emphasized in the United  
23 Nations Charter, the importance of Member State compliance with the laws and  
24 regulations they have signed and/or ratified,  
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26        *Appreciating* states with clear anti-torture directives and those who have ratified  
27 the aforementioned documents; or any document which takes steps to eradicate torture,  
28 along with those efforts of non-governmental organizations whose work is essential in  
29 combating torture,  
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31 *Noting with approval* sustained efforts by non-governmental organizations and  
32 other relevant bodies who support and maintain strong human rights mandates and  
33 contribute to further developments concerning universal liberties,  
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35 1. *Notes with regret* the workings of states, terrorist regimes, non-governmental  
36 organizations and all other groups that do not enforce anti-torture mechanisms and who  
37 practice torture and cruel treatment in any degree;  
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39 2. *Reminds* Member States of the Geneva Convention, which condemns and  
40 prohibits all forms of torture, especially of civilians, prisoners of war, and wounded  
41 soldiers;  
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43 3. *Urges* Member States to strongly consider ratification of the Convention  
44 Against Torture and Other Cruel, In-human, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and  
45 the Optional Protocol to that convention, which will subject states to regular visits to all  
46 places of detention, and work to establish preventative measures of torture;  
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48 4. *Encourages* Member States to continue contributing to the Special Fund,  
49 outlined in the Optional Protocol, which states that finances will be implemented on the  
50 recommendations of the Subcommittee on Prevention after a visit to a State Party, as well  
51 as education programmes of the national preventative mechanisms;  
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53 5. *Requests* that the existing guidelines for the submission of reports from  
54 Member States as specified by the Committee against Torture be altered from every four  
55 years to every two years so as to insure more efficient implementation and transparency;  
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57 6. *Expresses and asks* Member States to focus on both mental and physical torture  
58 as used in interrogation, and to research and implement alternative methods of humane  
59 interrogation that comply with definition of torture stated in Article 1 of the Convention  
60 Against Torture;  
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62 7. *Reminds* the international community of the importance of victim rehabilitation  
63 and the necessity to increase rehabilitation facilities and access to those centers, as well as  
64 physical and psychological therapy made easily accessible to all victims;  
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66 8. *Further encourages* Members to continue donating funds, if willing and able,  
67 toward the efforts of the Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;  
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69 9. *Calls upon* Member States to abide by their pledges to cease the practice of  
70 torture and to act as examples to other states in the furtherance of international goals to  
71 eliminate torture and other cruel, in-human, and degrading punishment.

Passed, Yes: 41 / No: 36 / Abstain: 26