



American Model United Nations
General Assembly

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of
Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: Third Committee

The General Assembly

1 *Recalling* that all Member States have pledged to uphold the Charter of the United
2 Nations, to promote and encourage universal respect for and observance of human rights
3 and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, religion, or
4 belief,

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6 *Affirming* the relevance of international standards of human rights enumerated
7 within the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Declaration on the Elimination of All
8 Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, International
9 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, International
10 Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Convention on the Rights of the Child,
11 International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, Convention on the
12 Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, and International Convention on the
13 Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, to all people,

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15 *Noting* the efforts of the 2001 World Conference against Racism, Racial
16 Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the World Programme for
17 Human Rights Education to create human rights and social teaching programs,

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19 *Recognizing* the need for internal mechanisms to better implement standards of
20 religious freedom and equality,

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22 *Further affirming* the act of tolerance to be a promotion of just treatment and
23 equal access to opportunity for all citizens of all states regardless of religious difference,

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25 *Understanding* that some member states lack the necessary resources to fully
26 implement all existing and desired programs regarding the protection and upholding of
27 religious freedoms,

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29 *Concerned* that not all member states possess clearly enumerated protection of
30 religious rights within their civil, penal, labor, and administrative documents and codes,

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32 *Believing* the universal and unconditional freedoms of thought, conscience,
33 religion, and belief for all people should be taught by civil education programs at all
34 levels of public schooling, as this will encourage tolerant adult populations,
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36 *Further recognizing* the need for alternative methods of education where
37 traditional educational programs are not viable,
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39 *Commending* the existing efforts of Non-Governmental Organizations to promote
40 religious freedom and tolerance in all its aspects,
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42 *Noting* that religious freedom is intimately linked to human security and
43 dependent on individuals' ability to enjoy fulfilled, materially secure, and dignified lives,
44 ensured by governments that respect and protect human rights,
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46 *Acknowledging* the irrevocable sovereignty of every Member State in regards to
47 implementing internal reform,
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49 1. *Appeals* to Member States to ratify the existing Declaration on the Elimination
50 of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,
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52 2. *Strongly recommends* that every member state incorporate protection of
53 individual religious freedom within their individual penal code, with assistance
54 and collaboration from the respective nations' regional body, including:

- 55 (a) Protection from forced conversion;
- 56 (b) Establishment and protection of culturally and religiously diverse
57 education on all levels;
- 58 (c) Protection of the right to congregate;
- 59 (d) Freedom of speech;
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61 3. *Calls for* the creation of a conference to promote international human security
62 and respect of religious freedom that will:

- 63 (a) Facilitate multilateral discussion between nations that exhibit abuse of
64 religious freedom;
- 65 (b) Allow member states to work with ECOSOC to establish financial
66 means to enforce state's individual protective measures and foster economic stability;
- 67 (c) Work collaboratively with each State's government to establish an
68 individual plan of action for each member state to achieve full compliance with the UN
69 Declaration of Human Rights;
- 70 (d) Establish consultative firms which would serve minority religious
71 groups within each nation and provide legal assistance;
- 72 (e) Promote conversation regarding the integration of technology to
73 religious tolerance;
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75 4. *Implores* all nations to incorporate religious tolerance with the ultimate goal of
76 acceptance within civil education programs in all state sponsored educational
77 programs beginning at the early childhood level, including but not limited to:

- 78 (a) Conflict resolution and consensus building;
79 (b) Team building skills;
80 (c) Peace studies;
81 (d) Cultural differences and cultural anthropology;
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83 5. *Encourages* all nations to work cooperatively with existing Non- Governmental
84 Organizations and consider the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religious Rights'
85 recommendations to establish grass roots efforts in promoting religious education and
86 tolerance programs where conventional programs cannot be implemented and the
87 adequate facilities to do so;
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89 6. *Further encourages* member states to establish bodies to oversee NGO actions
90 within their governments for the purpose of regulation and registration within their
91 borders;
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93 7. *Endorses* cooperation with local, regional and international bodies to oversee
94 and mediate in religious conflict areas, especially concerning non-state actors;
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96 8. *Recommends* the establishment of locally and regionally based training
97 programs and institutes to better prepare member states to handle abuses of religious
98 rights and freedoms and to advise religious tolerance education programs to be facilitated
99 by NGO's, with respect to individual state sovereignty;
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101 9. *Resolves* to remain actively seized in the matter.

Passed, Yes: 50 / No: 35 / Abstain: 21