



American Model United Nations
General Assembly

GA/6/I/3

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials
and Experts on Mission

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: Sixth Committee

The General Assembly

1 *Recognizing* the existing efforts of the United Nations in resolution A/63/437 in
2 endorsing a legal committee providing advice on how best to support the original intent
3 of the United Nations Charter,
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5 *Aware* of the widespread criminal and sexual abuse of civilians conducted by
6 United Nations officials in areas under United Nations influence,
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8 *Reaffirming* the need to emphasize the respect for international law by United
9 Nations officials on missions,
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11 *Taking into consideration* the devotion that the United Nations has shown to the
12 topic of international humanitarian law,
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14 *Having examined* the inability of the preexisting Ad Hoc committee to absolutely
15 ensure all cases of criminal and sexual abuse are reported,
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17 1. *Recommends* the establishment of independent, mission based Ombudsman's
18 Oversight Offices, which would be empowered to conduct their own inquiries into
19 allegations of abuse by UN officers, such offices will have the following functions:

20 (a) Make both private and public recommendations to UN Member states on the
21 scope of immunity, the existence of a duty to waive immunity and the suitability of
22 prosecution;

23 (b) Provide victims with an appropriate recourse, ensuring that the victim's
24 individual rights are protected in an impartial environment;

25 (c) Establish an office specifically for complaints and reports of crimes committed
26 by UN workers;

27 (d) Create a database containing information about the types of crimes; committed
28 as well as the location of the crime, granting confidentially to perpetrators;

29 (e) Ensure that the anonymity of the victim is respected;
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31 2. *Emphasizes* that such offices are used for consultation and suggestion of further

32 legal recourse, not the enforcement of criminal punishment;

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34 3. *Encourages* Member States to educate citizens of victim's rights through media
35 campaigns and public education;

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37 4. *Recommends* the United Nations Secretariat to establish a database providing a
38 platform for information exchange and compilation of cases, to facilitate investigation
39 and education of United Nations officials;

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41 5. *Endorses* that all United Nations officials and experts on missions be required
42 to undertake a course of cultural instruction ensuring these individuals understand the
43 cultural norms within their assigned region;

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45 6. *Calls upon* all United Nations officials to complete this set training;

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47 7. *Requests* the instruction of these United Nations officials to include:

48 (a) Education on both the state and the region on which they are working;

49 (b) Emphasis on regional religious and linguistic culture;

50 (c) Ensuring the comprehensive understanding of the urban versus rural lifestyle;

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52 8. *Urges* all United Nations officials be supremely educated in the internationally
53 accepted codes of law as reviewed by the Ombudsman's Oversight Offices;

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55 9. *Strongly encourages* all nations to focus on preventative measures as a long-term
56 solution to eradicate criminal and sexual abuse of civilians in the areas under United
57 Nations influence.

Passed, Yes: 39 / No: 37 / Abstain: 17