



American Model United Nations
General Assembly First Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Towards an Arms Treaty: Establishing Common International Standards for the Import, Export and Transfer of Conventional Arms

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly First Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Republic of Moldova, Iceland, Slovenia, Macedonia, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, New Zealand, Spain, Slovakia

The General Assembly

- 1 *Recalling* resolution A/RES/60/74, passed in 2005, which deals with problems arising
2 from the accumulation of stockpiles, as well as the progress of the Programme of Action
3 to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in
4 All Its Aspects,
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6 *Alarmed* by the extent to which illicit small arms trafficking exacerbates domestic and
7 regional conflicts, and crime,
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9 *Concerned* that past resolutions on the topics of disarmament and regulation have not
10 been effective and often fall victim to loopholes,
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12 *Encouraging* Member States to adopt the United Nations-LiREC program 'Training the
13 Trainers', which provides national military officials with courses on firearms,
14 investigative techniques and seminars on detecting the trafficking of illicit ammunition, in
15 efforts to facilitate an efficient international information exchange system between special
16 units and national authorities, as well as create better monitoring on global borders,
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18 *Aware* of the efforts of the Organization for Security and Cooperation, in Europe, through
19 the arms trading 'Code of Conduct' which has effectively dealt with the illegal arms trade
20 by denying arms to human rights violators,
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22 *Encouraged* by the fact that multinational border cooperation has worked to limit this
23 illicit trade,
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25 *Acknowledging* the right of all nations to govern themselves and to create their own
26 legislature,
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28 1. *Requests* all nations to open dialogues with their neighbors to establish cooperative

29 border oversight to prevent the smuggling of arms;

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31 2. *Encourages* all nations to adopt the UN-LiRec program, 'Training the Trainers', in
32 order to promote cooperation in border patrol between neighbors, thereby decreasing the
33 illegal activities not only of illicit arms trade, but also of the illegal activities that stem
34 from this form of trade;

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36 3. *Reminds* Member States of the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty in
37 2012 to discuss accountability for and the reduction of surpluses of small arms and
38 weapons and to further discuss the standards for the import, export, and transfer of
39 conventional arms and additionally:

40 (a) Tasks Work Group 3 and the Group of Governmental Experts, already established by
41 the United Nations, to review current United Nations policy and past resolutions dealing
42 with small arms and conventional weapons, including the United Nations Registry for
43 Conventional Arms, and to refer recommendations to the General Assembly on closing
44 loopholes in these documents in order to make them more effective;

45 (b) Strongly urges Member States to take responsibility of the implementation of
46 annual disarmament programs to prevent the diversion of legal arms to the illegal market,
47 as well as to promote humanitarian efforts to aid victims of disputes effected by small
48 arms;

49 (c) That this United Nations Conference will reconvene every five years for the purpose
50 of updating the Treaty and maintaining relevancy in an ever changing;

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52 4. *Further recommends* the commencement of a gradual move towards the depletion of
53 stockpiles of such arms;

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55 5. *Urges* Member States to ensure their national policies are in accordance with
56 international law;

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58 6. *Encourages* Member States to require their arms manufacturers to adhere to the
59 International Tracing Standards contained in the recommendations of the Group of
60 Governmental Experts in the 2008 Towards an Arms Trade Treaty: Recommendations,
61 which provides for universal marking standards;

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63 7. *Asks* weapons producers to refrain from transferring weapons to non-state actors,
64 defined as bodies not recognized by the United Nations, especially those non-state actors
65 known to who commit human rights violations;

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67 8. *Urges* the use of international import certificates, defined as the documents which
68 accompany the weapon during a transaction, beyond the first export destination;

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70 9. *Encourages* the creation of a licensing process for arms brokers within each Member
71 State:

72 (a) This licensing process would facilitate tracking and monitoring of a key component in
73 the illicit arms trade;

74 (b) The data gathered from this licensing process would aid the analysis of global arms

75 trends;

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77 10. *Supports* the work of International Action Network on Small Arms, which strives to
78 safely eliminate the danger that small arms pose to world, and non-governmental
79 organizations to aid countries' in safely disposing of their weapons stockpiles;

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81 11. *Urges* regional cooperation and negotiation for the purpose of unilateral disarmament;

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83 12. *Acknowledges* the responsibility of the United Nations to protect each member state in
84 the process of disarmament.

Passed, Yes: 57 / No: 16 / Abstain: 33