



American Model United Nations

## General Assembly Third Committee

GA 3rd/I/6

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Eliminating Rape and Other Forms of Sexual Violence in All Their Manifestations

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Cape Verde, Algeria, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia

### *The General Assembly Third Committee*

1            *Recalling* all past action by the United Nations in accordance with the issue such  
2 as: (A/61/438), (A/62/433), (A/61/433[Part II]), (SC 1325 [2000]), (SC 1820[2008]),  
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4            *Observing* Report A/63/216 of the General Assembly in 2008 regarding sexual  
5 violence,  
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7            *Guided by* the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,  
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9            *Alarmed by* the fact that one in every three women is faced with sexual violence,  
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11           *Deeply concerned* that despite the fact that 73 million males under the age of  
12 eighteen are raped every year, and millions of males over the age of eighteen are silenced  
13 by societal stigmas, there is no action taken towards effective inclusion of this gender in  
14 the solutions to the issue,  
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16           *Deeply disturbed* about the pervasiveness of violence against women and girls in  
17 all its different forms and manifestations worldwide, and reiterating the need to intensify  
18 efforts to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence throughout the world,  
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20           *Congratulating* those Nations in which the prevalence of sexual violence in all of  
21 its manifestations has been reduced, and where safe facilities have been successfully  
22 established to further reduce such violence,  
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24           *Recognizing* that rape is not the only focus and that many forms of sexual violence  
25 occur and all deserve adequate attention,  
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27           *Expressing* its appreciation for the activities taken by the United Nations bodies,  
28 entities, funds and programs and specialized nations that have been prosecuting crimes of  
29 a sexual nature,  
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31 *Emphasizing* the importance and the positive steps the UNiTE campaign has taken  
32 in reducing sexual violence in all its manifestations,

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34 *Concerned with* the societal stigmas that lead to the prevalence of unreported  
35 sexual violence,

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37 *Fully alarmed* that most developing countries are unable to provide shelters or  
38 safe places for victims of sexual violence,

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40 *Acknowledging* that security sector reform remains an area of focus in combating  
41 sexual violence in conflict areas,

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43 1. *Endorses* the UNiTE program which seeks to:

- 44 (a) Adopt and enforce national laws already in place in the individual states  
45 to enforce punishment against all forms of violence against all victims;  
46 (b) Implement multi-sectoral national action plans;  
47 (c) Strengthen data collection on sexual violence;  
48 (d) Increase public awareness and social mobilization to address sexual  
49 violence in conflict;

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51 2. *Calls upon* all nations to aid in the program through:

- 52 (a) Advertising:  
53 (i) By promoting the program in the media to reach the general  
54 population;  
55 (ii) By allowing cultural-sensitivity trained aid workers to go door to  
56 door in isolated regions to advertise the program as well as educate  
57 the population about the dangers and consequences of rape;  
58 (b) Providing trained aid workers;

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60 3. *Recommends* the creation of a international campaign to advertise and promote  
61 the issue of sexual violence and UNiTE by:

- 62 (a) The creation of a campaign that includes the private sector and the  
63 general public to:  
64 (i) Increase voluntary support including the participation in the aid working  
65 groups;  
66 (b) Creating partnerships with major corporations to reach the more  
67 developed portion of the world;

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69 4. *Considers* the expansion of UNiTE by:

- 70 (a) Suggesting future discussions on the extension of the program past the  
71 already existing target date of 2015;  
72 (b) Suggesting the inclusion of men and boys into the program, to make it  
73 non-gender specific;  
74 (c) Suggesting the placement of women in command roles of the United  
75 Nations aid workers and in key roles within the Department of  
76 Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

- 77 (d) Including worldwide global education campaign on sexual violence in  
78 all its manifestations;
- 79 (e) Implementing sub-campaigns by region tailored to the cultural values and  
80 need of each specific region to ensure that cultural differences and traditions will  
81 not be jeopardized or infringed upon by training volunteer workers on the region's  
82 culture and its significance to approach the population with appropriate sensitivity  
83 implementing sub-campaigns in isolated regions where ad campaigns or education  
84 in a school environment are simply not available;

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86 5. *Allows* countries to utilize UNiTE aid to enforce UNiTE goals in however way  
87 they see fit so long as it follows 3rd committee and UNiTE guidelines and  
88 recommendations;

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90 6. *Recommends* that countries use this aid to address issues such as:

- 91 (a) Building and maintaining shelters for victims of abuse;
- 92 (b) Training of police forces, government workers and lawyers to deal with  
93 the psychological effects on victims;
- 94 (c) Prosecution of the offenders.

Passed, Yes: 63 / No: 34 / Abstain: 20