



*American Model United Nations*  
**General Assembly**

GA/6th/I/6

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:           Nationality of Natural Persons in Relation to the  
Succession of States

SUBMITTED TO:                    The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY:                   The General Assembly Sixth Committee

*The General Assembly*

1           *Affirming* the right of every person to a nationality, as it is internationally  
2 recognized as a fundamental human right and provides legal protections against other  
3 human rights abuses,  
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5           *Recognizing* the sovereign right of states to establish their own domestic laws, as  
6 recognized in the Charter of the United Nations,  
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8           *Noting* the importance of human rights standards established in the Charter of the  
9 United Nations, United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the  
10 Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,  
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12           *Emphasizing* the importance of regional agreements to avoid conflict in the event  
13 of succession of states, which allow states the opportunity to resolve their differences  
14 through regional organizations and utilize their unique insights on cultural, political,  
15 geographical and other regional factors,  
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17           *Emphasizing further* the benefits of utilizing existing mechanisms in order to  
18 avoid financial burdens and processing delays that might result from the creation of new  
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21           *Recognizing* the importance of the role of the United Nations High Commission  
22 for Refugees (UNHCR), as the United Nations agency addressing the needs of refugees,  
23 in resolving nationality disputes including those challenged with the loss of nationality  
24 during state succession,  
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26           *Recognizing* the need for a comprehensive legal instrument to guide states in their  
27 domestic laws to ensure alignment with international laws on nationality,  
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29           *Expressing appreciation* for the International Law Commission (ILC) draft articles  
30 of 2001 in the annex of A/RES/55/153 for being the first document to directly address  
31 nationality in relation to the succession of states,

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1. *Strongly encourages* existing regional organizations to take a proactive role in managing conflict amongst their member states and sharing of best practices to promote and maintain peace in the region;

2. *Strongly urges* Member States to make commitments to protect the rights of all residents and foreign nationals in accordance with domestic and international law;

3. *Supports* the adoption of an international declaration by the General Assembly based on the ILC's draft articles, in order to reinforce general principles that must be upheld in all circumstances of nationality in the succession of states;

4. *Urges* the upholding of the principles of state sovereignty, non-discrimination and protection of the familial unit as outlined in the Declaration of Human Rights, and further urges partnership between the UNHCR and regional organizations to uphold these principles;

5. *Suggests* that the UNHCR *further* define their objectives regarding resolving nationality disputes in the succession of states to avoid delays and confusion with regard to assistance such as legal advice, access to resources, and support on the ground;

6. *Recommends* that regional organizations, in order to gain access to UNHCR assistance, are required to have proposals approved by the UNHCR that outline their process of dealing with issues of statelessness;

7. *Encourages* the inclusion of a provision in the protocol allowing stateless individuals that are not accurately represented by their states the option to appeal directly to the UNCHR and/or their regional organization to ensure their right to a nationality is upheld;

8. *Further Encourages* that if a state is not accurately represented by a regional body, the state may appeal directly to the UNHCR to ensure issues of nationality are avoided;

9. *Recommends* that the sharing of best practices extend to discussions between regional organizations to enable outside perspectives to be incorporated;

10. *Strongly suggests* that the UNHCR present a report of their objectives at the 2011 General Assembly session, and have its implementation thereof reviewed at the 2014 General Assembly session;

11. *Calls* for all parties involved to ensure equal treatment of all ethnicities when dealing with state citizenship during state succession;

Passed, Yes: 35 / No: 20 / Abstain: 30