



American Model United Nations  
**Human Rights Council**

HRC/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Human Rights of Civilians in Armed Conflict

SUBMITTED TO: The Human Rights Council

*The Human Rights Council,*

1 *Guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,*  
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3 *Having recalled* resolution 9/9 on the Protection of the Human Rights of Civilians in  
4 *Armed Conflict,*

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6 *Having expressed concern* about the negative repercussions that armed conflict has  
7 *on civilians around the world physically, mentally, emotionally, and economically,*  
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9 *Noting* the vital role that women play in their families and communities, and how  
10 *armed conflicts impact all aspects of their lives,*  
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12 *Bearing in mind* that the member states of the Geneva Conventions accepted the  
13 *responsibility of protecting civilians both in domestic and international conflicts,*  
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15 *Acknowledging* the detrimental impact that armed conflict has on the lives of children  
16 *by hindering their chances of achieving growth and development to their fullest potential,*  
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18 1. *Calls upon* states to uphold their responsibilities stated in the Universal  
19 *Declaration of Human Rights through the protection of their civilians, paying particularly*  
20 *close attention to women and children;*  
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22 2. *Recommends* that the relevant United Nations bodies strengthen their monitoring  
23 *processes to more efficiently address issues of accountability, while being mindful of state*  
24 *sovereignty;*  
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26 3. *Requests* that the states as sovereign entities take responsibility for events that take  
27 *place in their territory and focus on state-led initiatives;*  
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29 4. *Reiterates* that once a state accepts the premises of a convention it ought to abide  
30 *by the principles set forth at said convention;*  
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32 5. *Invites* states to put emphasis on the vulnerability of women and children by  
33 *focusing on initiatives that will improve the security and well-being of the neglected*  
34 *groups, including ethno-national minorities and religious minorities.*

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