



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading
Treatment or Punishment

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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- 1 *Reaffirming* the United Nations Convention against Torture in its entirety,
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3 *Additionally reaffirming* Article Five of the Universal Declaration of Human
4 Rights which prohibits the use of torture in any circumstance,
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6 *Recognizing* the importance of national sovereignty in regards to each nation's
7 individual legal system,
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9 *Deeply concerned* by the widespread use of torture as a form of punishment
10 around the world,
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12 *Guided by* the language found in the European Declaration of Human Rights,
13 Article Three which prohibits the use of torture,
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15 1. *Calls upon* all Member States to sign the United Nations Convention against
16 Torture;
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18 2. *Calls upon* all Member States to also sign onto the Optional Protocol to the
19 Convention against Torture;
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21 3. *Calls upon* all Member States to deem torture as a crime in their national legal
22 system;
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24 4. *Discourages* any State that condones the use of torture;
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26 5. *Discourages* the use of capital punishment, including the death penalty, as it is
27 a cruel and unusual form of punishment;
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29 6. *Urges* Member States to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for
30 Victims of Torture;
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32 7. *Reminds* all Member States of their responsibility to protect their citizens from
33 human rights violations due to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Passed, Yes: 44 / No: 28 / Abstain: 41