



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

GA Third/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Rights of the child

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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1 *Encouraged by* the widespread commitment and political will shown by the
2 unprecedented number of States that have become parties to the Convention on the
3 Rights of the Child,
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5 *Seriously concerned* about those reservations to the Convention which are
6 contrary to the object and purpose of the Convention or otherwise contrary to
7 international treaty law,
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9 *Recalling* that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action urges States to
10 withdraw such reservations,
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12 *Reaffirming* that the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration in
13 all actions concerned within this resolution,
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15 *Noting* the tireless work of the United Nations Disaster Assessment and
16 Coordination (UNDAC) as a part of the continued international emergency response
17 system for natural disasters and complex emergencies,
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19 *Recalls* that natural disasters and complex emergencies destroy or disrupt the
20 normal conditions of life and the care of children and can, in turn, disrupt, deny and delay
21 the realization of their rights,
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23 *Reaffirming* the provisions and mission of the UNDAC, and reminding all
24 signatories to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and
25 UNDAC charters of continued efforts in all fore mentioned matters,
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27 *Noting* the important work carried out by the United Nations in regard to the
28 protection of children in natural disasters and complex emergencies, in particular the
29 United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the Committee of
30 the Right of the Child,
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32 *Recognizing* the valuable work done by relevant intergovernmental and non-
33 governmental organization (NGO), specifically the Red Cross, for the promotion and
34 protection of the rights of the child,
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36 *Deeply concerned* with the situation facing children affected by natural disasters

40 and sudden complex emergencies,

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42 1. *Invites* all States to accede to relevant international human rights and
43 humanitarian instruments, and urges them to implement those to which they are parties
44 of;

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46 2. *Recommends* that States parties to the convention promote wide dissemination
47 and awareness of relevant standards on the rights of the child and develop education and
48 training activities on the rights of the child as a measure to ensure the protection of
49 children affected by natural disasters and complex emergencies;

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51 3. *Urgently requests* that appropriate measures be taken by Member States and
52 United Nations agencies, within the scope of their respective mandates:

53 (a) To ensure humanitarian access to children affected by natural disasters and
54 complex emergencies;

55 (b) To facilitate the extension of humanitarian assistance, including education;

56 (c) To ensure the physical and psychological recovery and reintegration into
57 society of those affected;

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59 4. *Urges* States and other parties subjected to complex emergencies to respect
60 international humanitarian laws, with respect to maintain State sovereignty;

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62 5. *Calls upon* States and United Nations bodies and organizations to treat children
63 in situations affected by natural disasters or complex emergencies, including in-field
64 operations and targeted area-based programmes, to enhance coordination and cooperation
65 throughout the United Nations systems and to ensure effective protection for children;

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67 6. *Calls upon* the relevant United Nations' funds and programmes, the specialized
68 agencies and other competent bodies to explore ways and means by which they can
69 contribute more effectively to the protection of children as result of natural disasters and
70 complex emergencies;

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72 7. *Calls upon* Member States to withdraw the reservations from the Convention of
73 the Rights of the Child, and urges Member States to withdraw reservations in reference to
74 the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

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76 8. *Requests* all States to implement, on an urgent basis, measures to protect
77 children from all, resultant and lasting, harm of natural disasters and complex
78 emergencies;

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80 9. *Underlines* the great importance of including measures, specifically an annual
81 report to the United Nations' governing body to ensure the respect for the rights of the
82 child are upheld;

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84 10. *Stresses* the special vulnerability of households headed by children as a result
85 of natural disaster or complex emergency, and calls upon States and United Nations
86 bodies to give programme guidelines to ensure their protection and care;

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11. *Applauds* the international community in their continued efforts to bring resolution to these Rights of the Child issues.

Passed, Yes: 65 / No: 16 / Abstain: 27