



American Model United Nations

General Assembly Sixth Committee

GA Sixth/II/10

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Sixth Committee

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1 *Recognizing* the efforts of GA/L/3366 in holding United Nations officials
2 accountable by ensuring there is no ambiguity in the judicial process and that the United
3 Nations official is informed of said process,

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5 *Realizing* the inefficiencies involved in having 14 Conduct and Discipline units
6 investigate criminal accusations on United Nations missions,

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8 *Aware of* the difficulties in evidence gathering due to lack of cooperation by
9 victims,

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11 *Guided by* the workplace standards observed in A/61/841 “Report of the Office of
12 Internal Oversight Services on its Investigation into allegations of sexual exploitation and
13 abuse in the Ituri region (Bunia) in the United Nations Organization Mission in the
14 Democratic Republic of the Congo”,

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16 *Approving* the international commitment to a zero tolerance policy regarding
17 crimes committed by United Nations staff,

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19 1. *Encourages* the expansion of the system, initiated by GA/L/3366, in which
20 staff sending States and staff hosting States work together to:

21 (a) Define the jurisdiction by which the United Nations staff will be investigated
22 or prosecuted in the event of misconduct;

23 (b) Create a contract clarifying penalties and punishments to be signed by United
24 Nations staff prior to their deployment to a foreign country;

25 (c) Utilize the Department of Peacekeeping Operations to act as a mediator
26 between States and serve as initiators of the judicial process in the event of a criminal
27 conduct accusation;

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29 2. *Recommends* the reform of Conduct and Discipline Units through consolidation
30 (reduction of the number of units); which allows more consistency, cooperation and
31 communication in the investigative process;

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33 3. *Calls upon* the United Nations to designate one legal expert per peacekeeping

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34 mission to act as a permanent legal advisor to the mission and its staff;

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36 *4. Endorses* the creation of work place standards for United Nations peacekeeping
37 missions, specifically encouraging:

38 (a) the requirement that United Nations officials and staff wear United Nations
39 identifying clothing (including a last name or identifying number) or symbols at all times
40 (when not a threat to the official's safety) to help hold them accountable at all times;

41 (b) random check ups from United Nations officials outside of the mission to
42 serve as oversight and hold peacekeepers accountable;

43 (c) the withholding of financial stipends until the end of the peacekeeper's
44 assignment with the purpose of preventing access to cash, and thus reducing the
45 probability that these stipends will be used for exploitative purposes.

Passed, Yes: 44 / No: 30 / Abstain: 16