



American Model United Nations  
**Security Council**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Situation in West Africa

SUBMITTED TO: The Security Council

*The Security Council,*

1 *Expressing* grave concern about the ongoing outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus  
2 and its impact on West Africa, particularly Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, and  
3 beyond,

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5 *Recalling* resolution 2177 (S/RES/2177 (2014)) entitled, “Urging immediate  
6 action, end to isolation of affected states,” which targets the various harmful elements of  
7 this deadly virus and reaffirms international dedication to cooperation,

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9 *Acknowledging* the recent efforts by the African Union (AU), the United Nations  
10 Commission on the Ebola Virus, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), and other non-  
11 governmental organizations (NGOs),

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13 *Recognizing* the recent quarantine breaks in Liberia and Sierra Leone, hampering  
14 local efforts to contain the disease,

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16 *Deeply concerned* with the stability of the sovereign states of West Africa,

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18 *Bearing in mind* the importance of state sovereignty, especially in regard to  
19 quarantines,

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21 *Reaffirming* the need to be culturally mindful regarding the educational methods  
22 of foreign workers and volunteers,

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24 *Disturbed* by the lack of educational resources available to states affected by the  
25 Ebola virus,

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27 *Firmly committed* to the success of the United Nations Mission on Ebola  
28 Emergency Response (UNMEER),

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30 *Drawing attention* to the potential for the present crisis to deepen ongoing food  
31 insecurity concerns throughout Western Africa,

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33 *Appreciative* of the current efforts of UNMEER and the funding allocated to this  
34 mission for the purposes of the eradication of the Ebola virus,

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*Aware of the current allocated funding and the inability of the mission to divide this funding between all appropriate and necessary channels,*

*Concerned that the present humanitarian aid is not sufficient in order to fulfill the priorities of UNMEER,*

*1. Urges states in the affected areas to discourage leisurely international travel and welcome aid workers into the afflicted area;*

*2. Asks that the African Union (AU) track further movements of displaced persons and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the region to increase vigilance concerning movements of traveling groups;*

*3. Requests that local governments reach out to communities to gather numbers of displaced peoples, missing family members, and deaths of community members; utilizing this information to distribute resources in the most efficient fashion and collect information to track the spread of Ebola and the intricacies of the disease's impact;*

*4. Recommends a portion of funding to each nation be devoted to ensuring:*  
*(a) Quarantined persons have access to required medical supplies as well as adequate food, water, and shelter;*  
*(b) Quarantines are only authorized by medical professionals, in accordance with the standards of care set up by the World Health Organization (WHO), practicing with the permissions of local government;*  
*(c) Only securing areas to prevent further transmission of disease with methods pursuant to the sovereign will of a particular state;*

*5. Encourages Member States to create emergency response plans for domestic outbreaks, to be modeled after Member States that have already implemented such programs;*

*6. Further recommends that the Ebola Response Road Map, created by the World Health Organization (WHO), be used to ensure sufficient training of health workers:*  
*(a) Requiring such training for United Nations healthcare officials, and;*  
*(b) Encouraging non-United Nations health workers, both native and foreign, be also trained under the Ebola Response Road Map;*  
*(c) Urging all volunteers to receive brief training sessions from experts and/or access to written materials, such as WHO pamphlets, to ensure the proliferation of knowledge on Ebola;*

*7. Requests a multifold approach toward spreading information about the Ebola epidemic through UNMEER and other NGOs, including:*  
*(a) Working with individual health ministries to distribute, verbally and in writing, information on the spread of Ebola and preventative measures;*  
*(b) Providing WHO pamphlets to any NGO health workers or local medical*

83 *workers in affected states or states neighboring affected areas upon request;*  
84 *(c) Any United Nations missions in affected areas should provide brief training*  
85 *sessions for their members to all United Nations representatives able to exert a*  
86 *beneficial informational influence;*  
87 8. *Implores affected nations to request proper funding and resources for medical*  
88 *facilities and proposed projects;*  
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90 9. *Calls upon the Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS)*  
91 *and the African Union (AU) to promote quick-impact infrastructural, economic, and*  
92 *agricultural projects;*  
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94 10. *Recommends a sizable increase in funding for UNMEER containment efforts;*  
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96 11. *Calls Upon all Member States to contribute funds to the Ebola Response*  
97 *Multi-Partner Trust Fund for UNMEER, in order to fulfill its priority requirements*  
98 *including:*  
99 (a) *Provide needed transport capabilities, including fuel, vehicles, and methods of*  
100 *air and maritime transport;*  
101 (b) *Further provide personal protective equipment and training;*  
102 (c) *Create mobile laboratory facilities and Ebola Treatment Centers;*  
103 (d) *Give emergency medical evacuation capabilities to international aid workers*  
104 *possibly exposed to Ebola;*  
105 12. *Further Requests that UNMEER work with affected states in order to:*  
106 (a) *Coordinate assistance from other NGOs to ensure the needed supplies are*  
107 *conveyed efficiently;*  
108 (b) *Provide specific advice on how to identify new outbreaks and quickly identify*  
109 *individuals who potentially have been affected;*  
110 (c) *Suggest preventative measures to prepare for outbreaks;*  
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112 13. *Further calls upon more private sector entities able and willing to aid in the*  
113 *eradication of Ebola to participate in UNMEERs business engagement program, through*  
114 *actions such as:*  
115 (a) *Donating financial or priority materials to UNMEER;*  
116 (b) *Providing support to UNMEER public education efforts through publicizing;*  
117 (c) *Contributing specialized personnel, medical or infrastructural, to work in*  
118 *afflicted areas;*  
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120 14. *Requests ECOWAS for immediate provisions for long-term emergency*  
121 *funding for internal health ministries in currently affected and at-risk states;*  
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123 15. *Suggests that in violence-ridden nations with pre-established peacekeeping*  
124 *missions, that these missions be utilized to:*  
125 (a) *Ensure the security of medical personnel traveling within violent regions;*  
126 (b) *Help facilitate distribution of medical supplies and aid to their intended*  
127 *destinations;*

128 (c) Provide a measure of legitimacy and trust between medical personnel and  
129 native people;  
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131 16. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions