



American Model United Nations

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Refugee Protection and Sexual Violence

SUBMITTED TO: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

1 *Deeply concerned by all forms of sexual violence inside and outside refugee*
2 *camp,*

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4 *Welcoming the efforts made by Member States to implement sexual violence*
5 *education programs,*

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7 *Reaffirming the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugee and its 1967*
8 *optional protocol,*

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10 1. *Suggests for the creation of two educational based programs for United Nations*
11 *personnel and refugees located at United Nations refugee camps;*

12 (a) *Calls for the implementation of a program especially for United Nations*
13 *personnel that teaches individuals how to respond in an effective and timely manner that*
14 *is ethnically and culturally sensitive of the refugees affected;*

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16 2. *Recommends for the utilization of an educational program and community*
17 *organization that specifically informs refugees of the rights afforded to them under*
18 *international law and further calls for the educational programs to inform victims of*
19 *sexual violence of the possible legal avenues;*

20 (a) *Reminds Member States of the importance of quality reproductive health*
21 *education;*

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23 3. *Requests the use of a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural*
24 *Organization set of protocols to teach voted refugees how to become counselors that*
25 *specifically assist fellow refugees with the aftermath of sexual violence and the various*
26 *means to notice and prevent incidents of violence:*

27 (a) *Provides for the opportunity of prior victims who have come to peace to act as*
28 *mentors for the refugee population;*

29 (b) *Recognizing the importance of a safe and welcoming community to improve*
30 *the quality of life of all victims of assault;*

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32 4. *Further requests additional programs to cover sensitivity training to avoid*
33 *discrimination on the basis of race, religion, creed, gender or sexual orientation;*

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5. *Further requests* the additional resources of translators to address the insurmountable need of proper communication for all languages spoken inside refugee camps especially during educational opportunities relating to sexual violence and the rights of refugees;

6. *Notes the* difficult nature of an educator’s job within a refugee camp and recognizes that many educators are volunteers drawn from the refugee population;

7. *Encourages* the creation of comprehensive awareness campaigns specifically designed for sexual protection, reproductive health, and family planning;

8. *Strongly requests* that should a Member State be able, they integrate refugee women and children into their local classrooms in the manner of the Peoples Republic of China if the refugee shows interest to do;

9. *Welcomes* the implementation of hiring female doctors and nurses to conquer this cultural taboo thus encouraging women and children to reach out to those medical officials for purposes of education;

10. *Stresses* the necessity for confidentiality in all interactions between refugees and United Nations personnel.

Passed, Yes: 60 / No: 8 / Abstain: 8