



American Model United Nations

## United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNHCR/I/2

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 disturbed* at the higher proportions of sexual violence against refugees in  
2 transition,

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4 *Noting* the current propensity for United Nations (UN) personnel to engage in  
5 active interference in conflict situations in attempts to make, rather than keep, peace,

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7 *Recognizing* that refugee camps are inherently more dangerous and prone to  
8 sexual violence than stable communities, as noted by the International Red Cross and Red  
9 Crescent Movement,

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11 *Noting* that refugees are under threat of sexual violence in every situation in  
12 which they exist,

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14 1. *Encourages* the re-prioritization of mission personnel forces to protect  
15 civilians, with a special focus on sexual violence;

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17 2. *Supports* the integration of refugees already present in camps into safer  
18 environments and calls for hosting nations to provide refugees with the same basic rights  
19 as citizens in accordance with those afforded under the United Nations Universal  
20 Declaration of Human Rights;

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22 3. *Recognizes* that UN-authorized interpreters help prevent sexual violence by  
23 increasing trust between military personnel and refugees;

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25 4. *Recommends* the establishment of a 'Program for Assisted General Evacuation'  
26 (PAGE) for the purposes of facilitating evacuation procedures for refugees in conflict  
27 zones and protecting them from threats of sexual violence both internal and external:

28 a. These added structures will deter sexual violence due to the presence of  
29 the vigilant, neutral third party;

30 b. Facilitators of this program could potentially include both UN personnel  
31 and Non-Governmental Organizations;

32 c. This program is 'opt-in'; individuals will voluntarily choose  
33 participation;

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5. *Emphasizes* the importance of the use of transit centers to ensure uniform care and protection during transitions in order to prevent a lapse of protection from external and internal sources of sexual violence during intermediary stages.

Passed by consensus, with 10 abstentions