



American Model United Nations

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNHCR/I/3

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 *Reaffirming* the Gateway Protection Program started by the United Kingdom in
2 2004 to offer citizenship to vulnerable refugees,
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4 *Additionally Reaffirming* the past and current efforts of the United Nations High
5 Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to provide identification to refugees,
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7 *Recognizing* the need for greater data collection of relevant details concerning
8 incidents of sexual violence against refugees,
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10 *Recalling* resolution 2106 and all other relevant resolutions and the
11 recommendations therein,
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13 *Additionally Recognizing* the Declaration on Preventing Sexual Violence in
14 Conflict,
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16 *Deeply concerned* for the need for anonymity within data collection processes that
17 pertain to cases of sexual violence against refugees,
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19 1. *Welcomes* states willing and able to provide permanent citizenship or
20 permanent residence through programs similar to the Gateway Protection Program so that
21 refugees at risk of further sexual violence in camps;
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23 2. *Urges* the acceptance of the UNHCR refugee identification program as
24 legitimate identification for refugees in all member States to create a more secure and
25 stable status and reduce vulnerability to sexual violence;
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27 3. *Further urges* the expansion of the current UNHCR identification program to
28 better protect refugees from sexual violence by implementing a more consistent and
29 inclusive identification program;
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31 4. *Requests* the UNHCR assist in capacity building for UNHCR refugee
32 identification programs within States seeking to better protect refugees from acts of
33 sexual violence;

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35 5. *Encourages* willing States to emulate Estonia's example of inviting the
36 UNHCR to provide oversight and advisement in regarding legal counsel to refugees who
37 are victims of sexual violence;

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39 6. *Reminds* all States that the protection of refugees against sexual violence is the
40 responsibility of all but that there are many organizations willing to provide aid and
41 advisement.

Passed by consensus, with 7 abstentions