



*American Model United Nations*

## **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

UNHCR/I/4

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        *Enhancing* the measures already outlined in United Nation High Commissioner  
2 for Refugees (UNHCR) Action Against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Report,  
3 which are applicable to current problems on sexual violence against refugees,  
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5        *Noting* with deep regret the lack of ability of present medical facilities to  
6 appropriately respond to cases and allegations of sexual assault,  
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8        *Stressing* the vulnerability of refugee communities and the responsibility of the  
9 international community as a whole to protect these stateless peoples,  
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11        *Considering* the need for refugees to trust the United Nations (UN) workers who  
12 are charged with their protection,  
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14        *Recognizing* the need for safe and reliable transportation of refugees around the  
15 world due to the prevalence of sexual violence outside of refugee facilities,  
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17        *Acknowledging* the need for refugee protection from sexual violence outside of  
18 sanctioned camps,  
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20        *Understanding* the need to empower women in refugee camps,  
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22        1. *Encourages* strengthening national health systems to cope with increased  
23 demand related to sexual assault and battery through the following methods:

24            a. Providing national health systems with more resources, including rape kits and  
25 other related medical equipment, as well as the proper literature on its treatment;

26            b. Educating healthcare workers to deal with sexual assault in sensitive and  
27 efficient ways;  
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29        2. *Advocates* for health and sexual education that is sensitive to regional norms  
30 and values from a community approach, with the following bodies involved in creating  
31 curriculum and teaching:

32            a. Teachers and school administrators;

33            b. Healthcare workers;

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- 34 c. Community leaders;  
35 d. Any interested locally established non-governmental organizations (NGOs);  
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- 37 3. *Recommends* creating a technology based information system such that, in  
38 regions where it is feasible, individuals can text questions and concerns anonymously to a  
39 panel of doctors that can provide information about HIV, sexually transmitted infections  
40 (STIs), and other sexual abuse concerns;  
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- 42 4. *Suggests* providing additional health resources to health facilities within  
43 refugee camps including:  
44 a. Rape kits and other related medical equipment;  
45 b. Culturally sensitive pamphlets educating refugees about health options  
46 concerning sexual violence and self-protection;  
47 c. Investing in infrastructure that provides immediate health care to victims of  
48 sexual assaults and rapes, in the form of emergency rooms, treatment of sexually-  
49 transmitted diseases, and treatment of physical damage sustained during assault;  
50 d. Establishing anonymous psychological and mental health facilities as well as  
51 confidential consultation for refugees who have experienced sexual and gender-based  
52 violence;  
53 e. Further investing in rehabilitation facilities that provide health care for long-  
54 term effects of sexual assaults and rape, and pre- and post-natal care for mothers of  
55 children of rape;  
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- 57 5. *Calls upon* the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) to address the  
58 issue of a lack of oversight within refugee camps, specifically concerning the ability of  
59 refugees to trust UN officials by:  
60 a. Conducting random check-ins of the UN workers at refugee facilities to prevent  
61 or address sexual violence occurrences;  
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- 63 6. *Encourages* refugees to take leadership roles within refugee camps, especially  
64 women;  
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- 66 7. *Reaffirms* the necessity for refugees to have access to basic human necessities  
67 in order to prevent continuous migration which leads to sexual violence, including:  
68 a. Food;  
69 b. Water;  
70 c. Shelter;  
71 d. Education;  
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- 73 8. *Encourages* member states with a substantial amount of refugee camps to  
74 request UNHCR's assistance with tracking, registering, and reporting the existence of  
75 unofficially recognized refugee camps in order to provide resources that prevent sexual  
76 violence to currently unrecognized camps;  
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- 78 9. *Suggests* creating safe houses for women and children refugees in urban

79 locations to protect them from sex trafficking and exploitation, common forms of sexual  
80 violence against refugees in urban locations.

Passed by consensus, with 3 abstentions