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American Model United Nations General Assembly Third Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Protection of migrants

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

The General Assembly Third Committee,

Affirming the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized crime, adopted in 2000, and is supplemented by three protocols, which target specific area and manifestations of organized crime,

Aware that migrants are particularly vulnerable to trafficking crimes due to international travel for economic opportunity,

Bringing to awareness the 2014 United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) study, Hidden in Plain Sight, estimates around 120 million girls under the age of 20 have been subjected to either forced sexual intercourse or other forced sexual act at some point during their life,

Observing 134 Member States and territories worldwide have criminalized trafficking by the means of the specified in line with the Trafficking Persons Protocol,

Deeply concerned by the conviction reporting in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) 2014 Global Report on Trafficking in Person, only some 15% of Member States did not record a single conviction between 2010-2012, and only 25% of Member States only recorded between 1-10 convictions in the same time span,

Fully aware the extensive market for forced labor and sexual trafficking and abduction for humans,

Alarmed of the use of women traffickers and that they are often involved in the trafficking of young girls and the large number of people trafficked, who are mainly women and girls, accounts for 75% of all those taken,

Having studied the Observance by United Nations forces of International Humanitarian law set by The Secretary-General, for the purpose of setting out fundamental principles and rules of international humanitarian law applicable to United Nations forces conducting operations under United Nations command and control,

Deeply disturbed by the misuse of power through individual of the United Nations personnel concerning the sexual abuse of women and children.

- 1. Reaffirms the continual effort carried out by all States through the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized crime and three protocols that help define transnational organized crime:
- 23 (a) The Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children:
 - (b) The Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air;
 - (c) The Protocol against the Illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in Firearms, their parts and components and Ammunition;
 - 2. Draws attention to the role more economically developed Member States have on developing infrastructure in regions that need assistance, as studies show successful leadership at the highest levels have positive impact less economically developed Member States, these role may included but are not limited to:
- 31 (a) Resources for skills training, job skills training to alleviate pressure on migrants communities 32 and economic security;
 - 3. *Invites* Member States to voluntarily provide the United Nations with immigration policies to distribute to potential migrants to increase awareness of immigration regulations and how to obtain working visas;
 - 4. Expresses its hope that Member States continue to advance educational programs for soldiers, especially within the military police and border patrol units, about sexual aggression and trafficking to ensure these illicit activities are recognized and hopefully prevented;

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- 5. *Encourages* Member States to recognize that migrants who are sexually exploited or put into forced labor should not be treated as criminals;
- 6. *Proclaims* that trafficking purposes are not only for solicitation but include any of the following employments in the forced labor and sexual market, which may contain the following:
- 42 (a) Sexual labor market includes: brothels, strip clubs, escorts, massage services and pimp controlled 43 prostitution;
 - (b) Forced labor market includes: restaurants, bars, hotels, agriculture, construction and sales;
- 7. Endorses the implementation of programs through the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on Elements Human Trafficking; The Act, The Means, and The Purpose to ensure migrants are well informed and educated on the risk of international travel for labor:
 - (a) The Act: Recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons;
- 49 (b) The Means: Threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability, or giving payments or benefits to a person in control of the victim;
- 51 (c) The Purpose: For the purpose of exploitation, which includes sexual exploitation, forced labor, 52 slavery or similar practices;
 - 8. Expresses its hope to strengthen child protection systems through the help of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children and special representatives of the Secretary General insuring that victims are placed in safe environments and provided with social services, health care, and psychological support;
 - 9. *Urges* all states to hold all those accountable for illegal activities, especially trafficking, with emphasis on forced labor and sexual markets to combat human trafficking by using the existing database to report and record convictions as requested by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;
 - 10. Strongly condemns the misuse of power through individuals of the United Nations peacekeeping personnel concerning the sexual abuse of women and children and requests more oversight to peacekeeping soldiers, some examples of these event's include but are not limited to:
 - (a) The abuse of children in Southern Sudan in 2014;
 - (b) The sexual abuse of several boys in an African peacekeeping mission in 2004;
 - (c) The trafficking of young girls from Thailand to East Timor as prostitutes in 2003;
 - (d) The raping of women on a systematic scale in Sierra Leone in 2003;
 - (e) The massive pedophile scandal within the United Nations in 2002.

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