



*American Model United Nations*  
**General Assembly First Committee**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly First Committee

*The General Assembly First Committee,*

1 *Recognizing* the importance of efficiently regulating weapons and dual-use goods trade,

2 *Understanding* the relationship between weapons trade, for both national and international economies,

3 *Further recognizing* the importance of maintaining sovereignty between Member States,

4 *Noting* the continued necessity for international legislation concerning trade of dual-use goods and technolo-  
5 gies,

6 *Acknowledging* the various successes and failures of previous United Nations General Assembly resolutions  
7 in coordinating and implementing arms trade legislation and regulation,

8 *Recognizing* the effectiveness of previously passed legislation, particularly the establishment of an online  
9 database in resolution 57/66 of 22 November 2002 by the Secretariat's Office for Disarmament Affairs,

10 *Affirming* the rights of all Member States to individual and/or collective self-defense as well as to enforce  
11 sovereign domestic law,

12 1. *Affirms* the General Assembly's continuing support for existing international legislation concerning trade  
13 in dual-use goods and technologies, particularly Security Council Resolution 1540 of 28 April 2004;

14 2. *Recommends* that Member States with the capacity to do so, submit information to the Secretary-  
15 General on domestic policy regarding dual-use goods production, regulations, and trade, as well direct arms transfer,  
16 as outlined under the provisions of resolution 68/44 of 5 December 2013;

17 3. *Recommends* the creation of a United Nations subcommittee in conjunction with the United Nations  
18 Office for Disarmament Affairs to monitor and report on intergovernmental relations regarding the arms trade and  
19 dual weapon usage between Member States:

20 (a) *Authorizes* the continued involvement of this subcommittee to observe and report the progress  
21 of Member States in their involvement with these clauses;

22 (b) *Additionally* this body is required to meet on a biweekly basis to advise and report on the  
23 aforementioned clauses;

24 (c) *Advises* this subcommittee to give special focus to Member States in the form of acting as  
25 voluntary observers who report back to this committee, by which ensure the transparency of weapons and dual-use  
26 goods trade between and within Member States;

27 4. *Reaffirms* the definition of small arms to include "any man-portable lethal weapon designed for individual  
28 use that expels or launches, is designed to expel or launch, or may be readily converted to expel or launch a shot,  
29 bullet or projectile by the action of an explosive," as defined by the latest iteration International Small Arms Control  
30 Standard (ISACS) of 2016;

31 5. *Encourages* Member States to engage in the use of alternative development methods to engender other  
32 means of income separate from weapons and dual-use goods trade;

33 6. *Emphasizes* the importance of communication between Member States to discourage the illegal trade  
34 of arms and dual-use technologies that have the potential to be used as tools for nefarious purposes, as well as  
35 recommends the continued development of intergovernmental communication.

Passed, Yes: 62 / No: 29 / Abstain: 17