



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

GA Third/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

*The General Assembly Third Committee,*

1 *Understanding* that there are varying causes to internal displacement that require varying solutions,

2 *Recognizing* the importance of increased cooperation between United Nations bodies, non-governmental  
3 organizations (NGOs) and States in burden sharing,

4 *Seeking* durable, multifaceted solutions to this difficult problem,

5 *Utilizing* the definition of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) laid out by OCHA's Guiding Principles on  
6 Internal Displacement detailed in Section 2 of its introduction as being: "Internally displaced persons are persons or  
7 groups of persons who have been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence, in  
8 particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations  
9 of human rights or natural or human-made disasters, and who have not crossed an internationally recognized State  
10 border",

11 *Respecting* the national sovereignty of all nations in any decision or recommendation raised by this body,

12 *Applauding* nations that provide support for countries who are accepting refugees from other nations, while  
13 also emphasizing the importance of providing support to IDPs,

14 *Seeking* to ensure the safety of IDPs through collaboration with the Security Council to create Peace Keeping  
15 Operations in States which have requested and consented to intermediary bodies with the intent to utilize an unbiased  
16 security force that can eventually offer training to the IDPs so that they may adapt to be safe and independent  
17 members of society,

18 *Understanding* the effect that internationally shared knowledge of the situation faced by IDPs has on move-  
19 ment within every individual Member State,

20 *Emphasizing* the importance of stopping or decreasing acts of terrorism and the devastating effects of acts  
21 of terror,

22 *Alarmed* by the increasing number of people displaced by environmental disasters and climate change,

23 *Commending* all non-governmental organizations which place neutrality and humanity before politics,

24 *Recognizing* that at the international level, no single agency or organization has been designated as the global  
25 lead on protection and assistance of IDPs,

26 1. *Strongly reaffirms* the Secretary-General's call to collectively increase protection and assistance to inter-  
27 nally displaced persons and to support effective policies and frameworks that reduce new and protracted situations  
28 of internal displacement in a safe and dignified manner, with the aim of reducing the number of people who are inter-  
29 nally displaced by at least 50 per cent globally by 2030 outlined in the Secretary-General's Report on the Outcome  
30 of the World Humanitarian Summit;

31 2. *Emphasizes* the following principles of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement:

32 (a) Principle 3, Clause 1: National authorities have the primary duty and responsibility to provide  
33 protection and humanitarian assistance to internally displaced persons within their jurisdiction;

34 (b) Principle 6, Clause 2: The prohibition of arbitrary displacement includes displacement: i. Sub-  
35 clause c: In cases of large-scale development projects, which are not justified by compelling and overriding public  
36 interests;;

(c) Principle 6, Clause 2: The prohibition of arbitrary displacement includes displacement: i. Sub-clause c: In cases of large-scale development projects, which are not justified by compelling and overriding public interests;;

(d) Principle 23, Clause 1: Every human being has the right to education;

3. *Affirms* the notion that IDPs should not be classified as refugees, but should receive the same level of specific attention as refugees are afforded;

4. *Strongly recommends* to the General Assembly Plenary that they urge the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), also known as the UN Refugee Agency, to create a new subcommittee within the UNHCR specifically for the purpose of helping to aid, reintegrate, and protect IDPs, which shall be named: the United Nations Committee on Internally Displaced Persons (UNIDP);

5. *Recommends* that the UNIDP be primarily focused on::

(a) Developing programs and task forces that would address solutions to the problem of IDPs, including but not limited to;

(i) Developing Joint Registration Task Forces, which would help with civil registration in countries most afflicted by IDPs;

(ii) Developing Targeted Task Forces to deal with more regional issues determined by Regional Groups;

(iii) Initiate and commission UN studies and reports in order to understand IDPs more thoroughly;

(iv) Create a comprehensive database that would store information supplied by governments and NGOs on IDP situations around the world in order to educate countries and communities on;

A. The IDP problem;

B. Human rights and their importance;

C. Causes of internal displacement;

D. Establishing a dialogue between governments, NGOs, citizens, and IDPs to support efficacy in the community;

6. *Encourages* all NGOs to follow the example set by those NGOs which place neutrality and humanity before politics;

7. *Urges* the UNHCR to hold NGOs to a higher standard, looking at those NGOs which exemplify neutrality and humanity as examples of what NGOs should strive to be;

8. *Condemns* the practice of human trafficking, and understands the link between IDPs and an increase in human trafficking;

9. *Condemns* nations that have not followed laws of right to return and laws of just compensation in cases of which persons are forced to leave their country due to violence, disaster or other situations;

10. *Recommends* that United Nations Regional Groups hold annual conferences involving all Member States in these Groups to discuss and debate strategies to combat long term problems that cause IDPs and that they create their own development and prevention programs to help tackle regional specific problems; the Groups including but not limited to:

(a) The African Group;

(b) The Asia-Pacific Group;

(c) The Eastern European Group;

(d) The Latin American and Caribbean Group;

(e) The Middle Eastern Region Group;

(f) The Western European and Others Group;

11. *Suggests* the creation of an annual conference for these Regional Groups to meet and discuss the problem of IDPs, their solutions to them, and share possible frameworks:

(a) To be held in Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, for the first year, at a time and date to be determined by Member States;

12. *Strongly Urges* nations without a national infrastructure to support and protect IDPs and to establish the following infrastructure, or one similar:

(a) A federal department specifically created to coordinate, monitor and supervise implementation of national policy regarding IDPs;

(b) One or two national level committees within this department tasked with formulating and developing policy and providing oversight;

(c) Disaster Management Committees, either by States, regions, provinces, etcetera, which are tasked to implement national policy on a local level;

13. *Recommends* that Member States create and develop policies specifically related to IDPs, in specifically the areas of following:

(a) Education;

(b) Vocational Training and Reintegration;

(c) Border Control;

(d) Compensation for Loss;

(e) Disaster Relief Departments within Armed Forces;

14. *Emphasizes* the importance of educating the international community on IDPs, how to help IDPs, and why the problem of IDPs has arisen;

15. *Urges* Member States to create policies that further education of IDPs, education of the general population on IDPs and how to help solve the multifaceted problem of IDPs;

16. *Specifically reaffirms* The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) mandate in 2011, which was to further track the education of IDPs through the UNHCR;

17. *Calls upon* UNESCO to faithfully implement these policies and work to further the education of all people;

18. *Encourages* nations to focus on the establishment of vocational engagement programs for the purpose of reintegration of IDPs into their:

(a) Communities;

(b) Workforce;

(c) Regional government;

(d) Interstate functions;;

(i) Through the help of specific NGOs such as the Turing Foundation and the Western Union Foundation, which specifically help with projects dealing with vocational training, education, financial literacy and small business training;

19. *Implores* nations to increase and strengthen their border security as to ensure that IDPs are not mistaken or classified as refugees;

20. *Emphasizes* the necessity of Member States establishing a form of laws ensuring compensation for loss;

21. *Encourages* the creation of Damage Assessment Commissions by specific Member States that will operate within the national government of a Member State in order to process claims for compensation;

22. *Strongly recommends* Member States to establish Return to Village Rehabilitation Projects in which:

(a) Each country's cabinet or ministry of interior would aid in coordinating the return of IDPs to their original home if desired;

- 124 (b) Families in need would be identified;
- 125 (c) Communities from which they came from will be identified;
- 126 (d) Increasing standard of living and infrastructure of the village would be a primary goal;
- 127 23. *Encourages* Member States to establish a disaster relief department within their armed forces which:
- 128 (a) Will be assigned to command, control and facilitate protection of IDPs in the short term during
- 129 immediate disaster situations;
- 130 24. *Applauds* the efforts of States implementing preventative measures, such as consulting with populations
- 131 that could potentially be displaced;
- 132 25. *Implores* countries to provide specific services to internally displaced women and children in an effort
- 133 to improve conditions that specifically affect internally displaced women, including issues like gender based violence
- 134 and human-trafficking and a lack of access to reproductive health.

Passed, Yes: 44 / No: 32 / Abstain: 29