



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

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly First Committee

*The General Assembly First Committee,*

1 *Recalling* that both the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human rights endorse  
2 the equal rights of women and men,

3 *Reaffirming* the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women,

4 *Reaffirming* resolutions 65/69 of 8 December 2010, 67/8 of 3 December 2012, 68/33 of 5 December 2013,  
5 69/61 of 2 December 2014, and 71/56 of 5 December 2016,

6 *Reaffirming* that transparent arms trade should be occurring within nations who have already agreed to the  
7 Arms Trade Treaty (ATT),

8 *Welcoming* the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including sustainable Develop-  
9 ment Goals five and ten which are relevant to the promotion of gender equality,

10 *Recalling* Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), adopted 31 October 2000, which called for the increased  
11 participation of women in peacekeeping activities,

12 *Commending* Member States who have already implemented programs to further the role of women in  
13 disarmament, nonproliferation and arms control,

14 *Emphasizing* the call for the full and meaningful participation of women in efforts to prevent, combat, and  
15 eliminate the illicit transfer of small arms,

16 *Reaffirming* that the equal, full, and effective contribution of both women and men at all levels including  
17 local, regional, and international is an indispensable factor for the promotion and accomplishment of sustainable  
18 peace and security,

19 *Recognizing* the valuable contribution of women to practical disarmament measures carried out at the local,  
20 national, and regional levels in the prevention and reduction of armed violence and armed conflict, and in promoting  
21 disarmament, nonproliferation and arms control,

22 *Recognizing* also that the role of women in disarmament, nonproliferation, and arms control should be further  
23 developed since the involvement of women leads to a greater and more stable peace,

24 *Recalling* Article 7, Section 4 of the ATT, which affirms the seriousness of gender-based violence,

25 *Drawing* the attention of Member States to the disproportionate impact of armed conflict on women and  
26 girls,

27 1. *Implores* Member States to better understand the impact that armed violence has on women and children  
28 and how women peacekeepers are an enormous benefit for those who are affected by the violence that occurs from  
29 illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons;

30 2. *Encourages* United Nations organizations and agencies to continue their funds and programs placed to  
31 put priority on the issues of women and peace and security;

32 3. *Urges* all relevant bodies, such as Member States, the United Nations, sub-regional regional organizations  
33 to promote the involvement of women to promote equality in representation of decision-making processes with regard  
34 to matters related to disarmament, nonproliferation, and arms control;

35 4. *Further urges* Member States to support and strengthen the effective participation of women in organi-  
36 zations in the field of disarmament at the local, national, subregional, and regional levels;

37 5. *Encourages* States to consider increasing funding for policies and programs that take into account the  
38 differing impacts of illicit small arms and light weapons on women, men, girls, and boys;

39 6. *Suggests* that Member States lead military personnel and police officers in gender sensitivity training on  
40 a voluntary basis to help reduce gender based violence;

41 7. *Invites* the relevant United Nations organs, agencies, funds, and programs to assist States, upon request, in  
42 promoting the role of women in disarmament, nonproliferation and arms control, including in preventing, combating,  
43 and eradicating the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons;

44 8. *Encourages* Member States to implement quota policies modeled after the United Nations Sustainable  
45 Development Goals to secure leadership roles for women in local, regional, and international programs and organi-  
46 zations operating within the field of disarmament, nonproliferation, and arms control by 2030, with the intention of  
47 lessening the gender imbalance found within these fields;

48 9. *Recognizes* already existing United Nations initiatives that work towards violence reduction and disarma-  
49 ment such as Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) and Community Violence Reduction (CVR)  
50 programs:

51 (a) *Encourages* CVR programs to provide more opportunities for short-term employment of women  
52 affected by conflict and advising for achieving long-term reintegration;

53 (b) *Requests* that DDR programs include mention of women affected by conflict and tailor their  
54 demobilization and reintegration strategies accordingly;

55 10. *Underlines* the necessity of governments to subsidize educational opportunities, international summits,  
56 or initiatives, and other opportunities including close work with applicable NGOs to prepare women for leadership  
57 and political responsibilities as female policymakers and to encourage them to take on these roles on local, regional,  
58 and international levels.

Passed, Yes: 57 / No: 13 / Abstain: 15