



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: A world against violence and violent extremism

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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- 1 *Deeply concerned* by the violent extremism which, in some form, confronts, every nation in this body,
2 *Acknowledging* the semantical and legal distinctions between the terms "violent extremism" and "terrorism",
3 *Identifying* the complications imposed by the lack of clear operative definitions for these terms,
4 *Deeply concerned* by the violence and violent extremism which, in some form, confronts every nation in this
5 body,
6 *Recognizing* the repeated efforts of the United Nations General Assembly, Security Council, and other relevant
7 bodies to create universal definitions for these terms,
8 *Commending* the work which the 12 Conferences on Counterterrorism, the Geneva Convention, Security
9 Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, all United Nations Committees, and specifically resolutions 70/109 of 17
10 December 2015 and 68/127 of 20 February 2014 have done to lay the framework for the establishment of these
11 definitions,
12 *Emphasizing* the immediate need for the codification of these definitions in order to guide the work of the
13 United Nations in creating peace,
14 1. *Affirms* the sovereignty of all Member States and, as such recognizes that domestic definitions of terror
15 and extremism do supersede these international definitions;
16 2. *Endorses* the 2005 United Nations General Assembly statement on terror as an international definition,
17 defining terror as "criminal acts intended or calculated to provoke a state of terror in the general public, a group
18 of persons, or particular persons, for political purposes ... whatever the considerations of a political, philosophical,
19 racial, ethnic, religious, or any other nature invoked to justify them";
20 3. *Clarifies* that the criminal acts referenced in clause two are specifically enacted through violence towards
21 defenseless civilians for the advancement of some ideological objective, rather than random violence;
22 4. *Encourages* the General Assembly to define violent extremism as "Advocating, engaging in or aiding
23 ideologically motivated or justified violence to further social, ethnic, economic or political objectives";
24 5. *Calls upon* all Member States to collaborate in the prevention of future acts of this nature and to unite
25 against violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations.

Passed, Yes: 48 / No: 42 / Abstain: 16