



*American Model United Nations*  
**Conference of the States Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons**

OPCW/I/3

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Implementation of Article X: Assistance and protection against chemical weapons

SUBMITTED TO: The Conference of the States Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

*The Conference of the States Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons,*

1 *Acknowledging* the rapidly evolving nature of threats associated with non-state actors, particularly within  
2 the last two decades,

3 *Emphasizing* the lack of existing strategies for responding to the unique aims and techniques employed by  
4 non-state actors,

5 *Deeply convinced* that specific training and strategies for addressing the threat of non-state actor acquisition  
6 or use of chemical weapons are necessary for the safety and security of all nations,

7 *Understanding* the potential for non-state actors' acquisition of chemical weapons to destabilize the global  
8 economy,

9 *Noting* the increasing vulnerability of those sovereign states threatened by non-state actors and the extreme  
10 need for increased protection of our citizens,

11 *Noting with satisfaction* the recent creation of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism for the purpose  
12 of enhancing communication and coordination across the 38 Counter-Terrorism Task Force entities to ensure the  
13 balanced implementation of the four pillars of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy,

14 1. *Requests* the assistance of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism in helping states identify and  
15 remedy vulnerabilities that may allow non-state actors to acquire, create or utilize chemical weapons:

16 (a) Suggests that such assistance may include supporting nations in voluntarily conducting confi-  
17 dential threat assessments to identify areas where countries may be susceptible to chemical theft or acts of chemical  
18 terrorism;

19 (b) Further suggests that the body may also assist countries in crafting a plan to remedy these areas  
20 of vulnerability;

21 (c) Proposes that this assistance may also include the production of a report from the Office of  
22 Counter Terrorism addressing strategies and best practices for responding to acquisition or use of chemical weapons  
23 by non-state actors;

24 2. *Recommends* that sovereign nations work to promote the voluntary flow of information and strategic  
25 collaborative efforts, specifically in regards to chemical weapons use by non-state actors;

26 3. *Calls for* the development of training modules for states on responding to non-state actor use of chemical  
27 weapons, particularly geared toward attacks on civilians:

28 (a) Recommends that the purpose of this training module should address effective state responses  
29 to chemical weapons acquisition or use by non-state actors;

30 (b) Further recommends that the module also help states establish bodies or programs to educate  
31 and train civilians and encourage effective community response in the event of a chemical weapons attack by a  
32 non-state actor.

Passed, Yes: 35 / No: 22 / Abstain: 21