



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Sixth Committee

GA Sixth/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Sixth Committee

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1 *Acknowledging* the presence of widespread abuse of power by United Nations personnel, which violate human
2 rights and the Geneva conventions,

3 *Acknowledging* the importance of holding peace keeping forces accountable in foreign nations,

4 *Acknowledging* the fact that peacekeepers who act in a criminal manner need to be held accountable for
5 their actions,

6 *Affirming* the goals and priorities of our peacekeeping efforts: to protect the innocent, to build peace from
7 conflict, and to build a lasting peace for future generations,

8 *Deeply concerned* with the current state of peacekeeping and peacekeeper's reputation,

9 *Reaffirming* the zero tolerance policy outlined in resolution 71/59 (2016) of 5 December 2016,

10 *Recognizing* how drawn out trials can be retraumatizing for victims,

11 *Recognizing* that currently, women make up only 22% of civilian peacekeeping forces worldwide,

12 1. *Urges* greater implementation of the Zero-Tolerance Policy with respect to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
13 (SEA) by:

14 (a) Ensuring that all peacekeeping missions have been briefed by a United Nations expert on the
15 zero-tolerance policy in their own language, understand and consent to its terms;

16 (b) Requiring all peacekeepers to review their abuse training annually;

17 (c) Urging strong investigation and disciplinary measures when misconduct occurs;

18 2. *Calls for* an increase in the number of women in peacekeeping roles to an estimated 30% of the peacekeeper
19 population by:

20 (a) Urging all actors to increase female participation in order to incorporate a variety of gender
21 perspectives in all United Nations peace and security efforts by 2030;

22 (b) Recommending targeted workshops relating to capacity-building on the prevention of sexual
23 exploitation and abuse in United Nations Peacekeeping Operations;

24 (c) Further recommending that peacekeeper recruiting includes practices in which selection commit-
25 tees are not privy to the applicant's gender;

26 3. *Recommends* the implementation of more rigorous assessment and selection procedures for peacekeepers
27 including:

28 (a) Scenario based testing aimed at identifying potential risk factors;

29 (b) Screening processes focused on violent risk factors, including the Violence Risk Appraisal Guide
30 (VRAG) and the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, Second Edition, Restructured Form (MMPI-2-RF);

31 4. *Requests* greater training and education as preventative measures including:

32 (a) Pre-deployment and in-mission training for all United Nations personnel involved in peacekeeping
33 missions, focusing on the causes effects, and warning signs of sexual misconduct;

34 (b) Enhanced education relating to sexual abuse and sexual exploitation as stated in the United
35 Nations SEA Glossary; in addition to the existing education assigned by the host nation to its United Nations
36 personnel;

37 (c) Classes focusing on the principles of consent and positive masculinity, modeled on the seminars
38 of No Means No Worldwide;

39 5. *Recommends* the creation of local organizations, that coordinate with existing United Nations bodies
40 such as the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), in which victims may anonymously voice their questions
41 or concerns regarding crimes committed against them; where victims will be able to anonymously write into these
42 organizations, and receive advice, resources and validation in response, which will:

43 (a) Be composed of local people who have been trained by local non-governmental organizations and
44 community affiliates to address concerns regarding sexual assault and related issues;

45 (b) Allow people to voice their concerns through anonymous reports, if they are uncomfortable
46 speaking out;

47 (c) Educate people about sexual and reproductive health and safety, while providing resources for
48 receiving medical consultation;

49 (d) Allow international medical organizations to implement their services to victims of sexual assault;

50 (e) Include a rehabilitation program for victims of sexual violence to provide medical care as well as
51 psychological trauma care, and a workforce training program;

52 6. *Suggests* the creation of a comprehensive guide for Member States wishing to improve their legal infras-
53 tructure, which will include:

54 (a) Legislation prohibiting all forms of SEA as well as providing legislative definitions of the men-
55 tioned crimes;

56 (b) Ensuring that the laws on SEA provide for the testing, treatment and care of the victims;

57 7. *Recommends* that the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO) considers
58 providing financial assistance to Member States' investigative and judicial bodies that are considering the cases of
59 United Nations peacekeeper crimes;

60 8. *Encourages* investigative bodies of the United Nations to pay close attention to central communication
61 databases to increase the honest reporting of crimes committed by United Nations officials and the abilities of the
62 United Nations to respond to such abuses;

63 9. *Supports* initiatives that aim to strengthen judicial institutions that seek to uphold judicial due process,
64 civil procedures and rights of the accused.

Passed, Yes: 61 / No: 10 / Abstain: 22