



American Model United Nations
Security Council

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

SUBMITTED TO: The Security Council

The Security Council,

1 *Reminding* the body of the Security Council's commitment to the protection of all people, as stated in Article
2 39 of the United Nations Charter,

3 *Noting* the United Nations Population Fund, which found that women and girls are disproportionately
4 affected by the tenth Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

5 *Recognizing* the exclusion of pregnant women's access to Ebola vaccines,

6 *Reaffirming* the near total maternal and fetal mortality rates that follow the contraction of the Ebola virus
7 in pregnant women,

8 *Recognizing* the United Nations Population Fund report stating that active conflict in the Democratic Re-
9 public of the Congo is thwarting efforts to deliver life-saving sexual and reproductive healthcare to women and girls
10 in need,

11 *Recalling* the devastatingly high sexual assault rate in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the resulting
12 spread of Ebola from sexual contact,

13 *Emphasizing* S/RES/2439, which affirms women's higher risk of contracting Ebola and their decreased ability
14 to access healthcare,

15 1. *Endorses* the education of women across the Democratic Republic of the Congo on the topic of sexual
16 health through mobile organizations such as the Foundation Rama Levina (FORAL):

17 (a) Providing both access to and knowledge about effective contraceptive methods;

18 (b) Discussing the spread of sexually transmitted infections (STI)'s and how contraceptives can help
19 combat them;

20 (c) Focusing specifically on the potential of Ebola to be sexually transmitted for the duration of the
21 Ebola outbreak;

22 2. *Advocates* for equal access to Ebola vaccines, regardless of gender or maternal status:

23 (a) Employ sexual health education, as aforementioned, to teach young women and community
24 members that inadequate access to vaccines leads to higher fetal and maternal mortality rates;

25 (b) Endorse the United Nations International Emergency Children's Fund vaccine campaign in the
26 Democratic Republic of the Congo to increase volunteers to spread literature and information throughout rural
27 Congolese regions;

28 (i) Restrict this dispersion to areas deemed safe by the African Union's Department of Foreign
29 Affairs;

30 3. *Recommends* the long-term goal of creating three additional women's hospitals by 2022:

31 (a) Promote expansion of NGO's, like the Panzi Foundation, which have mobilized effective funding
32 strategies working towards the creation of a second hospital;

33 (b) Encourage member states to invest in established mobile clinics immediately, like FORAL, a
34 Congolese health and social NGO which creates mobile health clinics that can move through regions with high rates
35 of vulnerable women;

36 (c) Addressing the highest inhibitor to women's health services: distance;

37 (d) With the funding for these medical facilities, there will be a focus on providing STI antibiotics
38 and STI preventative care;

39 4. *Requests* the implementation of consent education throughout secondary schools:

40 (a) Emphasize the notion of affirmative consent;

41 (b) Educate students on basic verbal and physical de-escalation tactics for the purpose of self-defense;

42 (c) Be modeled after successful 'No Means No' Worldwide classes that have been successfully been
43 implemented in Kenya and Malawi, and have decreased rates of sexual violence and sexual harassment among children
44 and young adults;

45 5. *Promotes* the creation of female majority peacekeeping and police units to protect the safe and secure
46 spread of information on women's health:

47 (a) Reinforce the need for the United Nations Peacekeeping Gender Division that was established
48 in S/RES/1325;

49 (b) Advocate for the long-term goal of sexual assault mitigation training sessions for peacekeepers
50 to decrease peacekeeper sexual assault rates in regions of conflict;

51 (c) Training will including situation response, survivor sensitivity training, and open dialogue about
52 women's autonomous bodies.

Passed, Yes: 13 / No: 0 / Abstain: 2