

American Model United Nations Security Council

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

SUBMITTED TO:

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1 *Recalling* the successes in combating Ebola in Nigeria in 2016, as the disease was eradicated from the most 2 populated city in not only the country but the continent of Africa, promoting the belief that the disease can be 3 eliminated throughout the world,

4 Seeking to protect the vulnerable populations of these affected areas,

5 Encouraging the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo and countries of the region to continue 6 efforts to address and resolve the wider political, security, socio-economic and humanitarian consequences of the 7 Ebola outbreak, as well as to provide sustainable and responsive public health mechanisms in the region,

8 *Reminding* Member States of the humanitarian assistance dedicated to the people of the Democratic Republic 9 of Congo as stated in S/RES/2177,

10 Designating this situation as non-discriminant and not restricted to the nation's borders,

11 1. *Endorses* practices such as:

(a) Broad education on the dangers of physical contact with a specific emphasis on cultural burial
 traditions, religious ceremonies and sexual interactions;

(b) Education campaigns to recognize the symptoms of Ebola and the importance of identifying and
 diagnosing early in order to combat the spread of disease;

(c) Further education of peacekeepers in the area on religious and cultural burial practices;

(d) Increased funding to organizations such as the World Health Organization who are contributing
 doctors, observers and clinic staff;

- (i) Considering that only 11.3 percent of the \$202 million in funds requested has been recieved by
 the World Health Organization (WHO);
- 21 (ii) Commending the Russian Federation for their willingness to provide \$5 million to the WHO;
- (e) Increased training of Congolese citizens to actively participate in the containment of Ebola through observation and recording of new cases and staffing clinics;

(f) Increased participation of Member States in sending aid by providing medical professionals such
 as doctors, observers and clinic staff, as well as medical equipment relevant to the treatment of Ebola;

- 26 2. Calls upon Member States to adopt a regional approach to the situation including:
- 27 (a) Identifying and monitoring close contacts of the patient;
- 28 (b) Prompt testing of all suspected cases;
 - (c) Surveillance at the Democratic Republic of Congo's main entry points;
- 30 (d) A nationwide public awareness campaign;

31	3. Trusts a singular United Nations system-wide approach in responding to Ebola through the World Health
32	Organization;

- 4. *Emphasizes* a solution which complements the work of governments and partners including:
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(a) Vaccines being worked on by nations such as the Netherlands and the United States;

- (b) Sending more aid towards the licensing of more vaccines to eradicate the disease as well as the addition of vaccines already licensed by the Chinese and Russian governments;
- 5. *Reminds* all members that multiple Member States are invested in the safety and security of their peacekeepers in the region:

(a) Mandates the vaccination of peacekeepers and police contributors in the DRC, prioritizing those
 most likely to come into contact with the virus, to help protect them and those they are aiding;

- 41 (b) To halt the spread of Ebola to other regions upon returning to their home country;
- 42 6. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

Passed by consensus, with 4 abstentions