



American Model United Nations
Historical Security Council – 2003

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

SUBMITTED TO: The Historical Security Council – 2003

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- 1 *Recognizes* the recent influenza epidemic in the Western region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo,
- 2 *Highlighting* the recent conflict affecting the region and recognizing the importance of a healthy population
- 3 in reaching peaceful resolutions to conflict,
- 4 *Acknowledging* the limited information currently available on the scope of the epidemic,
- 5 *Noting* with concern the current outbreak as an indication of potential future health crises,
- 6 *Expressing concern* about the current capacity of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to handle the
- 7 current outbreak,
- 8 *Reaffirming* a commitment to disease prevention practices as supported by the World Health Organization,
- 9 1. *Reaffirms* the importance of a free flow of information about influenza prevention and epidemiology;
- 10 2. *Asks* the World Health Organization to conduct epidemiological surveys in the Western part of the
- 11 Democratic Republic of the Congo to determine the span and scope of recent influenza outbreaks:
 - 12 (a) *Directs* the World Health Organization to conduct research into the viral properties of the
 - 13 influenza virus or viruses affecting the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
 - 14 (b) *Encourages* action to prevent the spread of the disease to other nations;
- 15 3. *Directs* the World Health Organization to conduct research into the virulent properties of the influenza
- 16 virus or viruses affect the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- 17 4. *Calls upon* the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to investigate the security
- 18 of the regions affected to determine whether an expanded role of the force is necessary to protect the influx of health
- 19 workers anticipated to address the influenza epidemic;
- 20 5. *Works* with non governmental organizations to increase disease prevention capacity in regions affected by
- 21 the influenza epidemic;
- 22 6. *Requests* that funding for the various aid programs be derived from:
 - 23 (a) Associated United Nations organizations and bodies;
 - 24 (b) Willing and able Member States;
 - 25 (i) Affirms that this funding will only be used by the relevant non governmental organizations
 - 26 operating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
 - 27 (ii) Further affirms that this funding will not be used for any purpose outside of aid operations;
- 28 7. *Strongly suggests* that health ministries of neighboring Member States to the Democratic Republic of the
- 29 Congo collaborate with the World Health Organization in its efforts to combat the influenza epidemic;
- 30 8. *Recommends* for a continued emphasis on influenza vaccination campaigns in all regions of the world;
- 31 9. *Advises* the World Health Organization to conduct an unscheduled investigation into the strains of
- 32 influenza currently of concern for the populations in the Northern and Southern hemispheres to reevaluate its annual
- 33 influenza vaccination strain recommendations;
- 34 10. *Remains* seized on this matter.

Passed, Yes: 15 / No: 0 / Abstain: 0