



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

GA Third/I/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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1 *Recalling* Article I of the Charter of the United Nations, which declares its purpose to pursue
2 friendly relations among States based on a mutual respect for the principle of self-determination,

3 *Condemning* all forms of political violence, terrorism and intimidation, wherever and by whomever
4 committed, as incompatible with the rule of law and the principles of the Charter,

5 *Reaffirming* the principles enshrined in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cul-
6 tural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, both of which were signed in
7 16 December 1966, and reiterate the right to self-determination,

8 *Bearing in mind* the long-standing principle in the history of international law that self-determination
9 broadly entails the rights of peoples to be “free from external rule, to choose their own form of gover-
10 nance and liberties necessary to be an autonomous political identity,”

11 *Noting* the recent passing of Security Council Resolution 2803 (2024) which affirms the end of
12 the crisis in Gaza with a comprehensive plan,

13 *Encourages* the promotion of internal self-determination through constitutional, legal and in-
14 stitutional mechanisms through local government, autonomy and decentralization,

15 *Further recalling* all relevant United Nations Security Council and General Assembly resolutions
16 concerning the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, particularly those reaffirming the right of the Kashmiri
17 people to self-determination,

18 *Recalling* the ongoing conflict in Sudan and the inalienable right to self-determination of all
19 peoples within the Sudanese territory, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and relevant
20 international human rights instruments,

21 *Encourages* the promotion of internal self-determination through constitutional, legal and in-
22 stitutional mechanisms through local government, autonomy and decentralization,

23 *Recognizing* that individual communities know their needs and challenges best,

24 *Affirming* that long-term economic stability and continued development assist in preserving
25 long-lasting sovereign, stable and self-determinant governments,

26 1. *Solemnly affirms* the importance of upholding the rights of peoples to organize themselves
27 freely, while simultaneously respecting the established principles of state sovereignty, striving to find a
28 constructive balance between the two;

29 2. *Reminds* all member states of their commitment to taking action to ensure all peoples receive
30 this ideal regardless of status within the United Nations;

31 3. *Strongly suggests* that the Security Council formally and fully recognizes the independent
32 statehood of Palestine, in accordance with the international consensus and the right of the Palestinian
33 peoples to the fulfillment of self-determination:

34 (a) Understanding that a nation cannot realize self-determination without a proper, le-
35 gitimate and singular governing body with the consent of its peoples to represent them;

36 (b) Recognizing that this concept embodies the situation of Palestine;

37 (c) Understanding that the territorial integrity and cohesiveness of Palestine is necessary
38 to create a Palestinian state that is territorially unified;

39 (d) Recognizing the historical territorial claim of Palestine consisting of continuity be-
40 tween the modern West Bank and Gaza regions, later altered in United Nations General Assembly Res-
41 olution 181 (II) of 29 November 1947, would greatly benefit the legitimacy of Palestinian statehood and
42 national identity;

43 (e) Reaffirming the international law stipulating and affirming the right of Palestine to
44 access international waters as defined in international law;

45 (f) Encouraging the development of renewable energy and water management projects
46 in Palestine to address ongoing shortage, supported by voluntary technical assistance from Member
47 States;

48 4. *Urges* the international community to recognize Palestine as an independent state with full
49 United Nations membership and privileges;

50 5. *Acknowledges* the potential benefits to establishing a voluntary, non-punitive self-reporting
51 mechanism with an oversight body, drawing on existing commitments, to monitor states' fulfillment of
52 the rights of peoples to self-determination;

53 6. *Affirms* that civilian populations should be able to freely participate in political processes in
54 accordance with national frameworks without coercion, intimidation, or discrimination for a legitimate
55 and sovereign democratic state;

56 7. *Reiterates* that unrequested foreign intervention or foreign-backed armed groups within a
57 State's territory can often undermine the right to self-determination and further violate international
58 law;

59 8. *Recommends* that the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) develop an internal
60 fund to ensure the growth and development of current and future post-colonial nations by:

61 (a) Encouraging that the funds from the UNDP and the United Nations Capital Develop-
62 ment Fund (UNCDF) be used for growth and development;

63 (b) Recommending that these funds be available to developing post-colonial nations,
64 both current and future, without outside interference, with the assurance that;

65 (i) The funds available will go to local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to spur
66 local development;

67 (c) Recommending that these funds be controlled by the developing nations them-
68 selves without interference from donating states or International NGOs;

69 (i) Unless otherwise stipulated by the developing nation itself;

70 (d) Suggesting the use of the voluntary and non-punitive self-reporting mechanism, as
71 established in clause 5, to ensure these funds are allocated correctly and to the country's wishes;

72 9. *Recognizes* that the language, culture, music and values of all people, especially indigenous
73 communities, in States should be considered in self-determination realms and that cultural heritage
74 is protected;

75 10. *Encourages* the promotion of internal self-determination through constitutional, legal and
76 institutional mechanisms through local government, autonomy and decentralization;

77 11. *Understands* that increased support for Sustainable Development Programs led by local
78 communities ensures economic independence and the long term fulfillment of self determination;

79 12. *Suggests* that the relevant United Nations bodies consider the information presented in this
80 resolution.

Passed, Yes: 51 / No: 32 / Abstain: 12