



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

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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 Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Article
2 1, paragraph 2 and Article 55 on the principles of equal rights and self-determination of peoples,

3 Reaffirming the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Eth-
4 nic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, which declares that identities of minorities should be protected
5 by States,

6 Further reaffirming General Assembly Resolutions 1514 and 1541 of 14 December 1960 and Reso-
7 lution 2625 of 24 October 1970, which together articulate the right of all peoples freely to determine their
8 political status and Member States' duty to respect the territorial integrity and political independence
9 of States that represent all peoples without discrimination of any kind,

10 Noting the United Nations Declaration on the Right of Indigenous Peoples of 13 September 2007,
11 which emphasizes the internal realization of self-determination through participation, autonomy and
12 cultural integrity within existing States,

13 Recalling the African Union's Constitutive Act that upholds the territorial integrity of Member
14 States and respects the existing borders of sovereign States,

15 Acknowledging the important role of regional and subregional organizations, including the African
16 Union and subregional bodies such as the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, in supporting
17 peaceful, negotiated solutions that uphold both self-determination and sovereignty,

18 Believing the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights affirms the principles of liberty
19 and rule of law, freedom from arbitrary imprisonment and slavery and the rights of citizens to amnesty,

20 Expressing concern over the continued denial of self-determination to certain peoples under
21 foreign occupation and urges the international community to reinvigorate dialogue, mediation and
22 support of peaceful decolonization,

23 1. Deplores interference with the domestic affairs of other Member States, keeping in mind the
24 importance of States' autonomy;

25 2. Urges the Human Rights Council to clearly define the term "peoples" as a reference to a group
26 of individuals within a United Nations Member State;

27 3. Further urges appropriate humanitarian programs to support economic and political capacity-
28 building to help better protect individuals from atrocities;

29 4. Aims to prevent political violence across all Member States and maintains respect for Mem-
30 ber States' sovereignty;

31 5. Stresses that the primary avenue for realizing self-determination should be through inter-
32 nal arrangements, including constitutional guarantees, democratic participation, referendums, non-
33 discrimination, equitable access to development and nationally established remedies for grievances;

34 6. Supports the protection of marginalized peoples, inclusive of but not limited to indigenous
35 peoples, through the establishment of a legal framework by:

36 (a) Setting an international precedent that guarantees and enshrines the need to pro-
37 vide for and protect the advancement of human rights;

38 (b) Recommending the creation of an independent monitoring mechanism to observe
39 the implementation of this framework;

40 7. *Requests* that all willing and able Member States provide humanitarian aid to suffering indi-
41 viduals, assuming the Member State receiving aid is willing to accept assistance, to promote individ-
42 uals' rights to self-determination while also respecting States' sovereignty;

43 8. *Recommends* the Human Rights Council oversee the development and implementation of a
44 need-based scale to guide the distribution of the aid, and recommends the United Nations maintains
45 this scale;

46 9. *Advocates* for multilateral cooperation in pursuit of common goals and international stability
47 by consent of the State concerned:

48 (a) Calling upon regional and subregional organizations to continue supporting the re-
49 alization of self-determination at the request of the States concerned, including but not limited to mea-
50 sures such as peaceful settlements, power-sharing arrangements, confidence-building measures and
51 dialogue processes;

52 10. *Encourages* enhanced cooperation with the Special Committee on Decolonization and re-
53 gional bodies such as the African Union to ensure that all remaining non-self-governing territories can
54 achieve self-determination through peaceful and negotiated means;

55 11. *Calls upon* Member States to implement further measures under international law, including
56 human rights standards, to prevent retaliatory militia groups from diverting aid to resources and pro-
57 grams not related to self-determination and enhance international cooperation against the diversion
58 of aid, specifically by not financing, encouraging, training, or supporting this diversion.

Passed, Yes: 58 / No: 28 / Abstain: 7