



*American Model United Nations*  
**General Assembly First Committee**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly First Committee

*The General Assembly First Committee,*

1 *Reaffirming* the obligation of Member States to pursue actions that resolve disputes, encourage peace, and  
2 prevent war, in accordance with the United Nations Charter,

3 *Encouraging* the fundamental idea that all Member States are equal under the United Nations,

4 *Encouraged by* the adoption of A/RES/74/65 and A/RES/74/60 which increased regulation on stockpiles of  
5 ammunition and encouraged work between Member States to cut down on the illegal trafficking of light weaponry  
6 at the border,

7 *Guided by* the principles laid out in the Arms Trade Treaty which lays the groundwork for future development,

8 *Drawing attention* to the growing issue of violence by criminal enterprise that is perpetuated by the trade  
9 of small arms and light weapons in Member States,

10 *Noting with Approval* the implementation of International Tracing Instruments, which ensure that the in-  
11 ternational community can trace the original location of small arms and light weaponry,

12 *Affirming* the rights of Member States to continue in the trade of small arms with other legitimately recog-  
13 nized State authorities,

14 *Recognizing* individual Member States' sovereignty in any solution proposed by this committee,

15 *Further recognizing* that armed conflict and the illegal transfer of arms inhibits development for many  
16 Members States,

17 *Reiterating* the significance of the role corruption takes in the illicit trading and transferring of arms, specif-  
18 ically small arms,

19 *Approving* the definition of small arms and light weapons as established by the International Tracing Instru-  
20 ment to enable states to identify and trace, in a timely and reliable manner, illicit small arms and light weapons,

21 *Recognizing* the varying abilities, resources and desires of Member States to pursue trade regarding transfer  
22 of arms,

23 *Bearing in mind* the economic significance of the arms trade to key exporting Member States,

24 *Fully aware* of the right for Member States to engage in a domestic arms trade as they desire,

25 1. *Condemns* efforts to obstruct the defense and economic development of Member States that rely on the  
26 legal import and export of:

27 (a) legal arms;

28 (b) dual-use goods and technologies;

29 (c) military equipments;

30 2. *Implores* Member States and non-State actors to engage in conflict resolution negotiations facilitated by  
31 the United Nations Peacekeeping efforts, in preference over resorting to conflict;

32 3. *Urges* transparency between private actors and non-State actors in the trade of small arms and light  
33 weapons;

34 4. *Further requests* that developed nations support developing nations in implementing their own arms  
35 anti-trafficking system. This includes, but is not limited to: technological, financial and logistical support, ;

36 5. *Encourages* Member States to modulate the trade of small arms and light weapons with criminal enter-  
37 prises, and to engage in the sharing of law enforcement resources:

38 (a) Further invites member states to collaborate with the Special Representative of INTERPOL for  
39 all international arms trade agreements;

40 6. *Asks* Member States with the capability to voluntarily buy back weapons from Member States with older  
41 stockpiles of weapons for dismantling:

42 (a) Salvaged materials obtained from the dismantling of weaponry should be returned to the original  
43 Member States for reuse in domestic infrastructure projects to prevent the proliferation of unmonitored arms;

44 7. *Further urges* Member States to cooperate in the restriction against the proliferation of 3D-printed arms,  
45 by tracing and limiting access towards materials utilized in their creation including:

46 (a) Expanding use of tracing programs such as commodity scanners to identify the source of 3D-  
47 printed weapons;

48 (b) Controlling access towards data blueprints used for the printing of arms;

49 8. *Condemns* any Member State that knowingly delivers arms, military equipment, dual use goods, or  
50 technology to any State or non-State group that has the intention of violating the Universal Declaration of Human  
51 Rights or the Geneva Convention with said delivered goods;

52 9. *Suggests* merging of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms (UNROCA) with the Programme  
53 of Action on Small Arms and its International Tracing Instrument;

54 10. *Recommends* Member States provide information of all international arms dealings to the UNROCA in  
55 order to spur international cooperation and transparency in relation to this issue;

56 11. *Invites* regions and States in close proximity to meet in annual conferences in order to discuss policies  
57 to cut down on the illicit transfer of arms and military equipment within their region..

Passed, Yes: 29 / No: 12 / Abstain: 5