



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

GA Third/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Protection of migrants

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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1 *Fully believing* that every nation has sovereignty and that ultimately that sovereignty is prioritized,

2 *Reaffirming* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, specifically Article 13 which states that “every  
3 person has a right to leave his or her own country, as well as return to that country”,

4 *Acknowledging* that the United Nations has not explicitly required Member States to accept migrants as  
5 residents, except in the narrow assistance of those seeking asylum as stated in Article 13 of Universal Declaration of  
6 Human Rights,

7 *Believing that* migration is a major crisis facing the world especially within the Middle East, Southeast Asia,  
8 and South America with over 25.9 million refugees globally and nearly 41 million internally displaced individuals  
9 according to United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees,

10 *Recognizing* that the majority of these refugees are as a result of civil wars and corrupt governments op-  
11 pressing significant portions of their population,

12 *Noting* that a significant portion of these migrants are also victims of human trafficking and have received  
13 little to no recognition from the international community, the most recent resolution being resolution 71/167 of 2  
14 February 2017 which while providing some protections to women and girls, only recommends Member States take  
15 strict measures to fight against trafficking, but fails to provide tools necessary to implement these measures,

16 *Taking note* that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees along with several non-governmental  
17 organizations and the United Nations as a whole has passed the Global Compact on Refugees passed on 17 December  
18 2018 as a framework for resolving refugee crises and includes the following guidelines:

- 19 1. Ease the pressure on host countries,
- 20 2. Enhance refugee self-reliance,
- 21 3. Expand access to third-country solutions,
- 22 4. Support conditions in country of origin for return in safety and dignity,

23 *Further Recalling* sentiments that the United Nations has upheld in regards to refugees in resolutions such as  
24 resolution 72/179 of 17 December 2017, resolution 69/167 of 12 February 2015, and resolution 61/165 of 23 February  
25 2007 among others that all uphold the protection of refugees in a variety of contexts and the success that these prior  
26 resolutions have had in regards to improving conditions for refugees,

27 *Deeply concerned* by the current pandemic and its impact on refugees, especially those in impoverished areas  
28 and lack access to adequate personal protection equipment, ability to socially distance, and sanitation, all of which  
29 are essential to deter the spread of COVID-19,

30 *Reminding* Member States of the right to return to their country of origin for migrants and refugees,

31 1. *Recognizes* that migration issues within countries are best addressed by those countries’ own experts and  
32 bylaws;

33 2. *Acknowledges* that countries should be accountable to the international community in terms of the  
34 promotion of human rights;

35 3. *Urges* the creation of regional oversight boards, such as a West African Regional Oversight body created  
36 by the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees and the Human Rights Council, to keep Member States  
37 accountable in this regard:

38 (a) These created oversight boards should report to a greater overseeing United Nations committee  
39 such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees or United Nations Human Rights Council;

40 (b) This board should give objective performance reports of Member States within their region,  
41 especially in regards to supporting the international human rights of migrants as well as recommendations on ways  
42 to improve conditions for migrants within the region;

43 (i) Beneficiary Member States can use these reports as a guide for where to send their aid;

44 (ii) The board should focus aid in regions that are experiencing high levels of refugees such as Central  
45 and South America and the Middle East;

46 4. *Recommends* Member States accept refugees into their borders, while at the same time Member States  
47 where people are fleeing work to improve their internal conditions where refugees are able to return safely;

48 5. *Keeps in mind* that this is a choice unique to each Member State's conditions and capacities to accept  
49 refugees;

50 6. *Recommends* that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees offers tools and aid to these  
51 regional boards, not only to help Member States accepting refugees, but further aid in making the nation of origin  
52 for refugees safer;

53 7. *Further recommends* that non-governmental organizations work alongside Member States hosting refugees  
54 in the creation of projects and other forms of employment to help not only assimilate refugees into the Member States's  
55 culture, but also provide economic support for refugees;

56 8. *Seeks* the effort of every Member State to help to continue improving the conditions of refugees by  
57 providing access to clothing, food, shelter, and proper sanitation, especially during the pandemic;

58 9. *Emphasizes* that these efforts are meant to provide temporary relief, while at the same time improve the  
59 conditions of refugees' origin states to where they are able to return to their state of origin;

60 10. *Promotes* programs where Member States work side by side with non-governmental organizations to  
61 help refugees return home safely if they wish:

62 (a) Member States are encouraged to provide their own funds if they are able, but it is not expected;

63 11. *Encourages* the Economic and Social Council to promote positive interaction between Member States  
64 and non-governmental organizations to work together in returning migrants and refugees to their homes.

Passed, Yes: 38 / No: 0 / Abstain: 8