



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

GA Third/II/3

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Protection of migrants

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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1 *Noting with concern* the increasing number of displaced refugees,

2 *Conscious of* the need for regional and international cooperation to address the displacement of refugees,

3 *Recalling* the right for all people to return to their home country outlined in Article 13 of the United Nations
4 Declaration of Human Rights and in resolution 194/3,

5 *Guided by* the Global Compact on Refugees in 2018, including:

6 1. Its emphasis on easing the pressure on host Member States,

7 2. Its support of creating conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity,

8 *Affirming* the rights of children as recognized in the Convention of the Rights of the Child, specifically:

9 1. The right to education outlined in Article 28,

10 2. The right to enjoy and participate in one's own culture and religion, outlined in Article 30 and
11 31,

12 3. The necessity of international cooperation to ensure children these rights, as expressed in Article
13 4 of the Convention of the Rights of the Child,

14 *Recognizing* the unsafe conditions that prevent refugees from returning home,

15 *Deeply concerned* about the spread of COVID-19 across borders, harming the community of refugees as well
16 as the host Member States,

17 *Recognizing* the threat of terror, in origin Member States as well as the host Member States:

18 1. Recognizing in particular the threat of a concentrated group becoming a new target,

19 2. Believing that regional cooperation can mitigate the threat of local and international terror,

20 *Believing* that the freedom to live in one's home country is most beneficial to the development and prosperity
21 of a person in social, cultural, economic, educational, and religious arenas,

22 *Reaffirming* the importance of maintaining national sovereignty,

23 1. *Encourages* the formation of regional agreements to voluntarily establish and maintain Safe Havens
24 through mutual support and cooperation within Member States affected by conflict to enable the safe return of
25 refugees, with the following qualities:

26 (a) That these Safe Havens are to be established in Member States that are being afflicted by violent
27 conflict, in regions with less conflict, and that each conflict be thoroughly examined to determine its eligibility to
28 create Safe Havens;

29 (b) That the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will help determine a
30 Member State's eligibility for Safe Havens based upon the safety and stability of locations within that state;

31 (c) That the creation and maintenance of these safe havens be based upon the voluntary agreement
32 of Member States within a region, particularly with the consent and cooperation of the country of origin;

33 (d) That these Safe Havens will only be established if Member States participating in these regional
34 agreements have adequate resources to maintain the safety of these areas;

35 (e) That these Safe Havens will not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, race, religion, or any other
36 basis;

37 2. *Affirms that* Safe Havens can help provide refugees and internally displaced persons with a stable envi-
38 ronment which improves quality of life;

39 3. *Further encourages* these Safe Havens to be spread out across the proximate region, transcending national
40 borders, if eligibility or capacity cannot be guaranteed solely within the origin country:

41 (a) Strongly urges the designation of regional Safe Havens to be in cities proximate to the origin
42 countries of the refugees, both geographically and culturally;

43 (b) Desires regional expansion to be considered as an alternative to domestic Safe Havens, to be
44 taken into serious consideration after an eligibility assessment has been conducted in the country of origin;

45 (c) Looks forward *to* the cooperation of regional sovereign Member States and regional local orga-
46 nizations;

47 4. *Urges* the regional coalition to implement a system of constant monitoring and assessing of the security
48 of the Safe Havens:

49 (a) Requests regional coalitions to have the UNHCR periodically evaluate the safety and stability
50 of these Safe Havens and make recommendations to ensure the continued safety of these areas;

51 5. *Recognizes* that the burden of maintaining these Safe Havens will fall on the regional coalition that
52 establishes it;

53 6. *Invites* Member States forming regional coalitions to take advantage of the resources offered by the
54 UNHCR as well as non-governmental organizations to establish and maintain Safe Havens, as well as to aid in the
55 safe and voluntary return of refugees;

56 7. *Recommends* that regional coalitions work with the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism to ensure
57 Safe Havens remain safe and do not become targets for terrorism:

58 (a) Recommends *for* the Office of Counter-Terrorism to share expertise and intelligence with the
59 regional coalition in an effort;

60 8. *Emphasizes* the necessity for coalition of regional actors to provide security as well as safe and reliable
61 delivery of materials for children in the Safe Havens, in particular regard to their nourishment and education:

62 (a) Recognizes the expertise of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and *en-*
63 *courages* cooperation between regional coalitions and UNICEF;

64 (b) Further relies *on* the coalition to guard the security of Safe Havens, with special acknowledgement
65 of the wellbeing of children.

Passed, Yes: 20 / No: 11 / Abstain: 7