SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly First Committee

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Welcoming the full participation of all Member States,

Reaffirming Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 5 with special emphasis on the provisions relating to education, gender equality, disarmament and arms proliferation,

Recalling the Charter of the United Nations which reaffirms the equal rights of women and men,

Emphasizing the tenets of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Appreciating the efforts of the United Nations in laying strong foundations for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR),

Recognizing that the role of women in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control should be further developed, particularly the need to facilitate the participation and representation of women in policymaking, planning and implementation processes related to disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control due to stigmatizing social norms,

Further reminds Member States that reconciliation programs that bring together individuals of different ethnic, religious, class or political backgrounds from areas affected by armed conflict,

Acknowledging the causal link between the impacts of armed conflict and gendered violence,

Observing the persisting gender gap in the processes of peacebuilding efforts in response to disarmament, conflict resolution and non-proliferation actions while seeing the benefits of the International Women’s Conference on Preventing the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction,

Noting the importance of carefully regulating the trade of arms and all of the benefits it provides for the protection of the rights of women and of the curtailment of violence by appreciating the importance of equity for women in United Nation personnel,

1. Calls upon all Member States to use their influence and resources to promote equitable opportunities for women in leadership while simultaneously promoting the role of women in furthering disarmament and non-proliferation;

2. Encourages further voluntary contributions to the development of programs which seek to increase the access of positions of power for women;

3. Expresses appreciation for Member States contributions to voluntary exchanges including but not limited to Girl Up, a United Nation leadership development program;

4. Requests that the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) develop more opportunities to have conferences and scholarships for women to improve their education:
   - (a) Encourages the increase in the number of women in higher education establishments;
   - (b) Further proclaims the importance of Sustainable Development Goal 4, which works to revise school curriculum to counteract gender discrimination and provide equal access to vocational education, regarding disarmament, conflict resolution and non-proliferation;

5. Encourages Member States to increase funding for policies and programmes that works to alleviate the impact of illicit weapons;
6. Urges Member States to support women increased participation in democratic processes through promoting universal suffrage and the participation of women in government;

7. Calls for a strengthening of the infrastructure of DDR programs, as these programs are integral peacekeeping operations in exiting conflict zones, and thus should be reinforced by encouraging Member States to consider the number of women in their delegations and have them better reflect their populations in the following ways:

(a) Disarmament;
   (i) Encourages the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) to investigate the ways DDR programmes could better dispose of confiscated, illicit weapons;

(b) Funding and Demobilization;
   (i) Requests the Secretariat investigate the ways existing funding and new funding from outside organizations could be used to improve the effectiveness of DDR programmes;

(ii) Supports the expansion of the following organizations to further fund parts of DDR: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), International Labor Organization (ILO), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR);

(c) Reintegration and Education of Women;
   (i) Calls upon non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and United Nations peacekeeping forces to prioritize the application of educational resources such as:
      A. Professional and vocational training;
      B. Career counselling and guidance, including job placement;
      C. The improvement of higher education opportunities including the expansion of accelerated learning through short term placements and trainings;

(d) Sensitivity operations;
   (i) Elevates and promotes social mobility, including programs such as local media in community building efforts;

   (ii) Creates dialogue for social reform including the harmful effects of gender-based norms;

   (iii) Calls upon Nations to promote and support international, regional and domestic efforts that organize opportunities for women to be trained for and participate in global discourse;

   (c) Calls upon Member States contributing to the United Nations Peacekeeping missions to increase the number of female peacekeeping personnel they contribute.

Passed, Yes: 53 / No: 16 / Abstain: 9