



American Model United Nations
General Assembly First Committee

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

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly First Committee

The General Assembly First Committee,

- 1 *Welcoming* the full participation of all Member States,
- 2 *Reaffirming* Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 5 with special emphasis on the provisions relating to
3 education, gender equality, disarmament and arms proliferation,
- 4 *Recalling* the Charter of the United Nations which reaffirms the equal rights of women and men,
- 5 *Emphasizing* the tenets of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
- 6 *Appreciating* the efforts of the United Nations in laying strong foundations for Disarmament, Demobilization
7 and Reintegration (DDR),
- 8 *Recognizing* that the role of women in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control should be further
9 developed, particularly the need to facilitate the participation and representation of women in policymaking, planning
10 and implementation processes related to disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control due to stigmatizing social
11 norms,
- 12 *Further reminds* Member States that reconciliation programs that bring together individuals of different
13 ethnic, religious, class or political backgrounds from areas affected by armed conflict ,
- 14 *Acknowledging* the causal link between the impacts of armed conflict and gendered violence,
- 15 *Observing* the persisting gender gap in the processes of peacebuilding efforts in response to disarmament,
16 conflict resolution and non-proliferation actions while seeing the benefits of the International Women's Conference
17 on Preventing the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction,
- 18 *Noting* the importance of carefully regulating the trade of arms and all of the benefits it provides for the
19 protection of the rights of women and of the curtailment of violence by appreciating the importance of equity for
20 women in United Nation personnel,
- 21 1. *Calls upon* all Member States to use their influence and resources to promote equitable opportunities
22 for women in leadership while simultaneously promoting the role of women in furthering disarmament and non-
23 proliferation;
- 24 2. *Encourages* further voluntary contributions to the development of programs which seek to increase the
25 access of positions of power for women;
- 26 3. *Expresses appreciation* for Member States contributions to voluntary exchanges including but not limited
27 to Girl Up, a United Nation leadership development program;
- 28 4. *Requests* that the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) develop more opportunities
29 to have conferences and scholarships for women to improve their education:
- 30 (a) *Encourages* the increase in the number of women in higher education establishments;
- 31 (b) *Further proclaims* the importance of Sustainable Development Goal 4, which works to revise
32 school curriculum to counteract gender discrimination and provide equal access to vocational education, regarding
33 disarmament, conflict resolution and non-proliferation;
- 34 5. *Encourages* Member States to increase funding for policies and programmes that works to alleviate the
35 impact of illicit weapons;

36 6. *Urges* Member States to support women increased participation in democratic processes through promot-
37 ing universal suffrage and the participation of women in government;

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

41 (a) Disarmament;

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

44 (b) Funding and Demobilization;

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

47 (ii) *Supports* the expansion of the following organizations to further fund parts of DDR: United
48 Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Interna-
49 tional Labor Organization (ILO), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
50 (OHCHR);

51 (c) Reintegration and Education of Women;

52 (i) *Calls upon* non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and United Nations peacekeeping forces to
53 prioritize the application of educational resources such as;

54 A. Professional and vocational training;

55 B. Career counselling and guidance, including job placement;

56 C. The improvement of higher education opportunities including the expansion of accelerated learn-
57 ing through short term placements and trainings;

58 (d) Sensitivity operations;

59 (i) *Elevates and promotes* social mobility, including programs such as local media in community
60 building efforts;

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

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

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

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