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

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly First Committee

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Reaffirming the unique perspectives of women on many issues and thus their importance and necessity of being in positions of power, especially where it relates to proliferation of arms,

Stressing the importance of the safety of women as fundamental to securing their rights and further empowering them,

Understanding that women are often the most affected by the ravages and devastation caused by the proliferation and distribution of weapons and other arms,

Recognizing that security of women is a prerequisite for their access to education and other opportunities,

Further Recognizing Sustainable Development Goal 5 of gender equality to empower all women and girls and the continuing efforts of 2016 principles,

Noting with deep concern the negative stereotypes perpetuated by the patriarchal structure of global society that bar women from participating in positions of power,

Acknowledging by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics statistic that in 2020 gross percent of females attending tertiary education is 43.2 percent with the percentage of women in tertiary education in the least developed countries is 9.7 percent, a disparity unacceptable for the promotion and safety of women worldwide,

Deeply disturbed with the disproportionate rate of death, harm and violence in armed conflict against women and the lack of the participation of women in high level positions surrounding peacekeeping and armed conflict,

1. Encourages Members States to emphasize positive social sentiment towards women, which would dissipate an atmosphere that fosters harmful stereotypes, while emphasizing awareness of international programs that enable for the gain for resources and inclusion, such as Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration programs, that women have been systematically unaware;

2. Supports women attending training and education in institutions outside their Member States borders to remove barriers brought by political instability or lack of higher education programs, especially women who in turn address international security and global politics within their home countries or focus on the following higher education programs:

   (a) International security, political science, international affairs, global economics, peacekeeping and conflict resolution, urban planning, public policy, cybersecurity, STEM, etc;

3. Requests Member States to create quotas in conjunction with the Interagency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics to increase the number of women in positions of power in support of any actions Member States may take to establish along with the intent to reach a minimum quota of women in both national and international contexts with consideration for national sovereignty once that minimum quota is reached, Member States may choose whether or not to increase quotas which would then serve to create more nuanced discussions surrounding subjects where women have been historically omitted from;

4. Invites discussions within the United Nations about the unique impact proliferation of weapons has on women and how it is a threat to their wellbeing and that the disarmament of non-state actors is critical for the protection and security of women of each nation;

5. Recommends that once gun violence has been reduced and adequate levels of security have been sustained in consultation with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, educating women in low income areas should be the focus of future resolutions or amendments;
6. *Further recommends* bridging gaps in percentages of women in high level positions such as ambassadors, officers, governors, head of state, legislators, etc. that bring Member States towards gender equality in political power along with addressing the alarmingly high percentages of women left in the wake of violence to move towards gender equality in civilian life;

7. *Calls for* Member States to more strictly adhere with current implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 5, and the stated goals that aim to confront gender equality at higher levels through:

   (a) Ensuring full participation in leadership and decision making;

   (b) Promoting empowerment of women through technology;

8. *Urges* for the creation of an international forum that supports women discussing proliferation and gun violence by:

   (a) Guiding women into discussions so that they can implement and examine what women themselves need;

   (b) Further inviting Member States who seek to provide equal opportunities and access to women to secure and guarantee access without bias for women participating in international discussions;

   (c) Encouraging further discussion on fuller implementation of the rights of women once resources for women are stabilized.

Passed, Yes: 46 / No: 7 / Abstain: 11