



American Model United Nations
General Assembly First Committee

GA First/II/3

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

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly First Committee

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

3 *Stressing* the importance of the safety of women as fundamental to securing their rights and further empow-
4 ering them,

5 *Understanding* that women are often the most affected by the ravages and devastation caused by the prolif-
6 eration and distribution of weapons and other arms,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 5. *Recommends* that once gun violence has been reduced and adequate levels of security have been sustained
37 in consultation with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, educating women in low income areas
38 should be the focus of future resolutions or amendments ;

39 6. *Further recommends* bridging gaps in percentages of women in high level positions such as ambassadors,
40 officers, governors, head of state, legislators, etc. that bring Member States towards gender equality in political
41 power along with addressing the alarmingly high percentages of women left in the wake of violence to move towards
42 gender equality in civilian life;

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

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

46 (b) Promoting empowerment of women through technology;

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

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

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

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

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