



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

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- 1 *Recalling* the Charter of the United Nations which reaffirms the equality of men and women,
2 *Acknowledging* the strong body of research that demonstrates that violence and armed conflict has a dispro-
3 portionate impact on women as seen in A/RES/48/104,
4 *Further acknowledging* that women are the group by far the most likely to be the victims of random acts of
5 violence, which are most commonly perpetrated by conventional weapons and small arms,
6 *Noting* the impact of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), and its efforts to slow the movement of arms through-
7 out the international community, specifically Member States struggling with unrest, conflict and instability which
8 disproportionately impacts women,
9 *Recognizing* that many Member States have yet to sign or affirm the Arms Trade Treaty,
10 *Reaffirming* the call of the ATT for Member States to cover no less than the descriptions in the United
11 Nations Register of Conventional Arms (UNROCA),
12 *Noting with approval* the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women to
13 play an integral role in forming the proposed international registrar, keeping in mind key contributions towards women
14 such as A/CONF.177/RES/1(1996), A/CONF.177/RES/1 (2003) and S/RES/2242 (2015),
15 *Further noting* how one of the primary objectives of the ATT is to limit the illegal smuggling of weapons
16 and reduce the global instances of random acts of violence,
17 *Recognizing* that international reporting of arms registries has the potential to increase the ability of Member
18 States to protect themselves and secure their borders,
19 *Further recognizing* international reporting of arms registries increases the ability of Member States to
20 support peacekeeping missions of the United Nations,
21 1. *Recommends* that in order to increase the availability and accuracy of information pertaining to the
22 distribution, import, export and manufacture of all small arms and conventional weapons to all sponsors in this
23 international partnership, that all Member States sign and ratify the ATT;
24 2. *Calls for* the creation of an international registrar through the UN to monitor arms records submitted to
25 the Secretariat on an annual basis to ensure all Member States are providing accurate information;
26 3. *Advocates for* the Security Council to increase humanitarian aid focusing on women, children and non-
27 combatants in zones of active conflict providing support and protection for non-combatant civilian populations;
28 4. *Encourages* the continued cooperation between developed and developing nations in implementing the
29 Arms Trade Treaty along the lines of the African European Union Disarmament Program;
30 5. *Recommends* the United Nations Secretariat authorize a pilot programme among African Member States
31 and all Sponsoring Member States, after obtaining the consent of the Member States in question, by implementing
32 the program to have Member States share their national data on small arms and light weapons with the Secretariat
33 to compile an international database with data reported only accessible by Member States that give their data, with
34 the program being run as a pilot program for 5 years after which this body will assess the impact of this plan.

Passed, Yes: 30 / No: 5 / Abstain: 8