

American Model United Nations General Assembly Third Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

SUBMITTED TO:

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1 *Recognizing* that the global fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance is 2 a matter of significant priority for the international community, and realizing the need to honor victims of historical 3 injustices such as slavery and colonialism,

4 Acknowledging how indigenous and marginalized groups are systematically oppressed and underrepresented 5 by national, subnational, and local governments, as well as the fact that many ethnic divides have been driven by 6 colonial era structures and policy,

Deeply concerned by the disproportionate negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on various populations,
ethnicities, races, and developing countries,

9 Taking into consideration the lack of educational infrastructure in many developing countries,

10 *Alarmed* the continued spread of various hatred and racist organizations and extremist movements that have 11 emphazised racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance among the general population,

Bearing in mind the need to promote tolerance, inclusion, and respect for diversity of all people and the need to seek common ground among and within civilizations in order to address common challenges to humanity that threaten shared values, universal human rights, and the fight against racism,

Further emphasizing the usefulness of educating all members of society on race, descrimination, and xenophobia in order to create a notable and lasting impact,

17 *Guided by* the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) 18 and the Durban Programme of Action (2001),

19 Affirms that action to combat racism can and should include actionable items, specifically in regards to 20 educating on the effects of racial discrimination,

Perceiving a need for public acknowledgment of past grievances and accountability through community development and social support, particularly in multi-ethnic states with entrenched histories of racial injustice and discrimination,

1. Affirms the sovereignty of Member States to individualize the education of their citizens on the issues of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and other related intolerances;

26 2. *Encourages* the education on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and other related intolerances to 27 include students in primary and secondary schools;

3. *Emphasizing* the need for cooperation between local educational institutions, non-governmental organizations, and local governments in order to push and develop a more comprehensive and diverse curriculum;

4. Also encourages schools to teach topics related to colonialism and imperialism, colorism, religious intolerance and persecution, preservation of cultural heritage, and measures against racial and religious cyberbullying;

5. *Acknowledging* the need for Member States to consider a greater inclusion of indigenous and other marginalized voices in local, sub-national, and national governments;

6. Urges fellow Member States to enforce national policies to implement equal treatment and access to opportunities in workplaces and institutions; *Requests* funding for basic infrastructure in order to increase the accessibility of education for historically
low-income Member States and communities;;

8. *Encourages* Member States to support public information campaigns to increase awareness by utilizing existing digital tools to inform people on racism, discrimination, and related intolerances;

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10. *Further reminds* all parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to periodically submit written reports that detail their country's progress toward fulfilling the goals of ICERD.

Passed, Yes: 70 / No: 1 / Abstain: 6