



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

GA Third/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

The General Assembly Third Committee,

1 *Concerned by the continuing impacts of climate change on the African continent and the anticipated increase*
2 *of displaced persons as a result,*

3 *Realizing many of the root causes of climate change can increase the risk of future pandemics which will*
4 *further exacerbate the current refugee crisis on the African continent and around the world ,*

5 *Recognizing the disproportionate and devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on African refugee*
6 *camp and the lack of safety measures such as :*

- 7 1. *Social distancing,*
- 8 2. *Sanitation practices,*
- 9 3. *Testing accessibility,*
- 10 4. *Vaccination accessibility,*
- 11 5. *COVID-19 treatments,*

12 *Emphasizing the intersection between the crisis of displaced Africans and racism and xenophobia and the*
13 *need to address these issues as a whole,*

14 *Welcomes community contributions to solving these challenges and the further integration of refugees in*
15 *society to combat intolerance,*

16 *Emphasizing the responsibility African Member States have taken in assisting displaced persons and the*
17 *honorable burden this holds ,*

18 *Guided by the Organization of African Unity Convention of 1969, which serves as the standard of the inter-*
19 *national refugee protection regime in Africa,*

20 *Reaffirms the 2018 Global Compact on Refugees and the framework it provides for equitable responsibility*
21 *sharing and support for refugees,*

22 1. *Reaffirms* the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework and considers other
23 measures at the discretion of Member States to further environmental development and clean energy infrastructure;

24 2. *Considers* an optional and temporary placement program for displaced persons in partnership with
25 individual citizens, housing businesses, and their participating Member States to provide temporary housing on
26 the African continent, thus providing more social distancing standards and reducing overcrowding in refugee camps
27 during the COVID-19 pandemic;

28 3. *Notes* this voluntary program would also serve to integrate displaced persons into local communities
29 within the neighboring Member States and alike Member States of which these displaced peoples are native to,
30 decreasing the stress of transitory periods for displaced persons;

31 4. *Urges* the international community to recognize national sovereignty and allow Member States to set their
32 own programs and priorities for accepting and supporting refugees;

33 5. *Recommends* the General Assembly Third Committee partner with the International Red Cross, UNHCR,
34 and UNICEF, to delegate and oversee funding for assistance, including healthcare, vaccinations, education, and food
35 to displaced persons;

36 6. *Calls upon* Member States with a surplus of COVID-19 vaccine doses to continue their distribution of
37 vaccines to countries with a dearth of vaccine doses, especially on the African continent and in refugee camps through
38 the International Red Cross, UNHCR and UNICEF oversight.

Passed, Yes: 43 / No: 1 / Abstain: 5