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General Assembly Third Committee

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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Recalling all previous resolutions on the rights of internally displaced persons, such as Assembly resolution 76/167 of 16 December 2021, and Assembly resolution 50/6 of 7 July 2022,

Alarmed by the lack of concrete protections for internally displaced persons in an international context,

Noting the situation of internally displaced persons who are displaced by States but who remain sovereign citizens under those regimes,

Further noting with concern the growing trend of human trafficking among groups of internally displaced persons, and their elevated vulnerability to such trafficking,

Concerned by the challenges helping internally displaced people pose, especially those regarding housing and resettlement,

Bearing in mind the legacy of imperialism and colonialism and lack of respect for the sovereignty of many States previously colonized which the United Nations often fails to consider,

Deeply concerned by the exponential increase of internally displaced persons due to the climate crisis across the globe,

1. Reaffirms the definition created by the UNHCR of internally displaced persons, in hopes of further legal adoption by Member States to be persons or groups of persons who have been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural or human-made disasters, and who have not crossed an internationally recognized state border;

2. Affirms that States of origin bear principle responsibility for the treatment and care for internally displaced persons;

3. Recognizes the right of the international community to provide support for internally displaced persons while respecting State sovereignty;

4. Strongly encourages Member States to make the issue of internally displaced persons a whole-of-government issue, in which all parts of individual national governments focus on addressing the challenges facing those people, such as articulating national goals for the protection, assistance and prevention of internally displaced peoples, and facilitating coordination between various governmental institutions to achieve those ends;

5. Notes with appreciation the role that the United Nations Security Council plays in resolving issues of conflict which displace people and ending violent conflict and crimes against humanity when possible;

6. Commends the United Nations Rapporteur for Internally Displaced Persons on their work on raising awareness for internally displaced persons and efforts to include internally displaced people in discussions on internally displaced persons;

7. Requests, in accordance with the recommendation from the Secretary-General’s High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement, that the Secretary General and the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights to make necessary arrangements to help finance the mandates of this resolution, including primarily, but not limited to, the establishment of a Global Fund for internally displaced persons that would:

(a) Be independent from the United Nations, but coordinate closely and on council with the United Nations Human Rights Council, and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons;

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(b) Be open to requests from national governments seeking help or international aid to help protect, assist, and prevent internally displaced persons within their own borders;

(c) Coordinate, consult and advise with individual partner governments on how to best address the protection, assistance and prevention of internally displaced persons within their own borders;

(d) Establish set and targeted development goals in partnership and consultation with State governments;

(e) Focus on working with international development, rather than humanitarian, donors, as well as relevant non-governmental organizations and the resources of the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights in order to finance the development of State institutions and welfare organizations of partner governments;

(f) Develop rigorous and independent review processes in order to ensure that any potential projects, in planning and execution, adhere to broad and accepted international standards and norms, such as the promotion of higher standards of living, basic access to education and food, among others and;

8. **Recommends** the creation of a United Nations organization of Member States concerned with the resettlement, education, and rights of internally displaced persons, composed of a voluntary group of States with equal voting rights both with internally displaced persons and without, which would:

   (a) Have the purview to make recommendations on issues facing internally displaced persons, including on security of temporary housing for those awaiting resettlement, reparation, or return;

   (b) Consider testimonies and thoughts of internally displaced people from around the world;

   (c) Maintain a voluntary education program States may contribute to outlining where internally displaced people may resettle, citizenship or visa requirements, and the potential economic needs of Member States;

   (d) Conduct periodic reviews on and approve funds distributed by to partner governments from the Global Fund to ensure that money is distributed equitably, efficiently and with integrity;

9. **Declares** that internally displaced persons are entitled to all rights outlined in the Guiding Principles for Internal Displacement created by the Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons, and those rights outlined under the Kampala Convention ratified by the African Union;

10. **Urges** Member States to convene as soon as possible and sign a treaty enshrining the legal and human rights of internally displaced people, along the lines of the Guiding Principles of Internal Displacement and Kampala Convention, and the definition created by the UNHCR reaffirmed in this resolution;

11. **Highly recommends** that Member States consider the impact that the climate crisis will have on internally displaced persons, especially:

   (a) How rising sea levels will impact island, coastal, and low-lying States;

   (b) The economic and infrastructural requirements for climate resilience, and who should fund these requirements;

   (c) How global warming will affect water availability, and how this will potentially displace future persons;

   (d) Concerns regarding arable land availability;

12. **Further declares** that internally displaced persons have the right to resettle in accordance with the causes in clause (1) by leaving their place of origin if the sovereignty of the States allows it;

13. **Affirms** the importance of supporting internally displaced persons through coordinative efforts with non-governmental organizations (NGOs);

14. **Notes appreciatively** the efforts made by Members of this committee to incorporate NGOs into the problem of internal displacement;

15. **Refers** potential issues regarding funding for the issues addressed in this resolution, excluding that of the Global Fund, to the United Nations General Assembly Fifth Committee;

16. **Decides** to continue the consideration of the rights of internally displaced peoples in accordance with the purview and programme of the committee.
Passed, Yes: 61 / No: 4 / Abstain: 6