



American Model United Nations
General Assembly First Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly First Committee

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- 1 *Recognizing* the harm caused by chemical weapons in both past and present wars,
2 *Bearing in mind* that not all Member States have ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention
3 (CWC),,
4 *Reaffirming* the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and
5 Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, which fully banned the development, production,
6 stockpiling and use of chemical weapons,,
7 *Acknowledging* the importance of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
8 (OPCW) Declaration and Verification program in ensuring universal security against chemical weapons,,
9 *Recognizing* the need for ongoing regulations and restrictions on the development, production,
10 stockpiling and use of chemical weapons,
11 *Recognizing* the past successful efforts by the United Nations to fully eradicate chemical weapons
12 stockpiles, such as the CWC,
13 *Recalling* General Assembly resolution 11/3 of 7 April 2022, which suspended the membership
14 of a Member State from the Human Rights Council, and resolution 65/265 of 1 March 2011, which sus-
15 pended a Member State from the Human Rights Council both for flagrantly violating human rights,
16 *Emphasizing* the CWC's role in assisting Member States in their efforts to destroy stockpiles of
17 chemical weapons through invited oversight, technological and technical aid,
18 *Emphasizing* the importance of integrating disarmament initiatives within broader peacebuild-
19 ing efforts, particularly in post-conflict areas where arms proliferation and chemical threats remain
20 significant challenges,
21 *Reaffirming* that the use of Riot Control Agents (RCA) as a method of warfare is strongly pro-
22 hibited and in violation of the CWC,
23 *Expressing concern* over the ongoing proliferation of dual-use chemicals and the lack of suf-
24 ficient safeguards in some regions, leading to the potential misuse of these substances for chemical
25 weapons production,
26 1. *Supports* the creation of a multilateral chemical weapons trade convention under the ad-
27 visement of the UNODA that monitors and analyzes purchases and exports between Member States
28 to:
29 (a) *Encourage* Member States to carefully consider access to chemical agents that have
30 dual-usage and the potential for harm;
31 (b) *Require* Member States to consult with the multilateral chemical weapons trade con-
32 vention under the UNODA and the OPCW on the monitoring of chemical agents and usage;
33 (c) *Request* Member States to withhold initial sale of certain chemical warfare agents
34 including but not limited to sarin gas, nerve agents, sulfur mustard, blood agents and chlorine gas;

35 2. *Recommends* all Member States to reallocate weapons development funding from the man-
36 ufacturing of chemical weapons to other goals of the Member States, including but not limited to the
37 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

38 3. *Supports* the expansion of the OPCW especially in order to to enact swift regulation and
39 potential banning of new chemical weapons by providing:

40 (a) Further regulation and restriction for chemical agents, such as white phosphorus
41 and others, that cause indiscriminate harm to civilians;

42 (b) Preventative legislation to ban, restrict and/or regulate, when discovered, new up-
43 coming chemical weapons as previously defined by CWC;

44 4. *Reconsiders* standards for chemicals included in the development of weapons manufactur-
45 ing and pesticides to ensure they are within the acceptable range for human exposure;

46 5. *Expresses hope* that Member-States eradicating their chemical weapons will reallocate
47 funds previously used for chemical weapon development to promote sustainable development in ac-
48 cordance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

49 6. *Condemns* the use of chemical weapons by non-state actors;

50 7. *Urges* strengthened measures to prevent the illicit trafficking of chemical weapons by non-
51 state actors by:

52 (a) Suggesting that the United Nations Disarmament Commission work to find, seize and
53 destroy chemical weapons as well as producers and users of the chemical weapons, particularly in the
54 event that chemical weapons are used by non-state actors;

55 (b) Seeking out non-state actors that have access to chemical weapons and stopping
56 the trafficking of chemical weaponry;

57 8. *Requests* the formation of a Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on Chemical and Bacteri-
58 ological Weapons in order to report back to the General Assembly First Committee in the 79th session
59 on the compliance of Member States to the regulations outlined by the CWC;

60 9. *Recommends* that individual Member States limit military trade, including but not limited to
61 the trade of arms and ammunition, as well as withhold bilateral financial aid not from Member States
62 not in compliance with the provisions outlined in this resolution and the guidelines in the CWC;

63 10. *Implores* all Member States who are not party to the CWC to ratify the CWC.

Passed, Yes: 66 / No: 8 / Abstain: 7