



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

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

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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1 *Recalling* all previous resolutions on the rights of internally displaced persons, such as Assembly resolution
2 76/167 of 16 December 2021, and Assembly resolution 50/6 of 7 July 2022,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 (d) Establish set and targeted development goals in partnership and consultation with State gov-
43 ernments;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

73 (d) Concerns regarding arable land availability;

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

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

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

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

82 16. *Decides* to continue the consideration of the rights of internally displaced peoples in accordance with
83 the purview and programme of the committee.

Passed, Yes: 61 / No: 4 / Abstain: 6