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MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Third SCH

1. Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity
2. Refugee Welfare
3. The Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity



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Submitted To: 3rd Social
Topic: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
Submitted By: Australia

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1 RECOGNIZING that millions of humans across the globe are still facing daily discrimination as
2 seventy-two countries outlaw homosexuality outright,

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4 NOTING WITH DEEP CONCERN that eight of those inside the United Nations still enforce the
5 death penalty, and

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7 BELIEVING that sexual orientation is a matter of the brain and is therefore not a choice, but a
8 predisposition that cannot be changed, and

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10 ALARMED BY the lives lost to violence based upon gender identity or sexual orientation that
11 could easily be prevented;

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13 1.) CALLS UPON our global community and leaders to end the discrimination and penalty
14 wrongly inflicted upon these people;

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16 2.) CONGRAULATES those nations that already have structures in place to protect these
17 people, and promotes others to do the same, such as creating organizations that help
18 them, and adding constitutional amendments or government statements to protect their
19 rights;

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21 3.) REAFFIRMS the need for protective service for our citizens who are facing persecution
22 in their daily lives;

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24 4.) SUPPORTS legalization of marriage, and abolishment of the death penalty.



Subject: Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

Sponsored By: Brazil

Submitted To: 3rd Social

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1 **NOTING** the term LGBT stands for but is not limited to individuals who identify as lesbian,
2 gay, bisexual, and transgender community, and

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4 **RECOGNIZING** that people who's sexual orientation or gender identity differ from that of
5 the "social norm" are often targets of violence and discrimination, and

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7 **AWARE** that many LGBT people suffer from killings, rape, torture, harassment, physical and
8 mental assaults as well as subject to bullying at a young age possibly leading to suicide, and

9
10 **TAKING NOTE** laws in over 70 countries criminalize same-sex relations some punishable
11 by death, imprisonment, public lashings, and withdraw of human rights, and

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13 **KEEPING IN MIND** the United Nations established a universal definition of human rights
14 stating, "...rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity,
15 language, religion, or any other status", and

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17 **RECALLING** human rights to include, "...the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery
18 and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education, and many
19 more", and

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21 **EMPHASISING** the importance of freedom of sexual orientation and gender identity in
22 order to have healthy, cooperative people;

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24 1) **ACKNOWLEDGES** action is required in order to prevent violations of LGBT
25 people's basic human rights;

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27 2) **REQUESTS** guidelines for LGBT peoples rights be specifically added into the
28 universal definition and enforced by the United Nations in order to benefit LGBT
29 peoples survival;

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31 3) **SUGGESTS** recognition of one's gender identity in all federal and educational
32 documents;

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34 4) **ENCOURAGES** all nations mend law enforcement policy in order to create a safer
35 environment for LGBT people.



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Subject: Sexual Orientation

Sponsored By: Colombia

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1 REGRETTING the fact that in Colombia alone over 110 LGBT community members were
2 killed in 2017 according to refworld.org, and

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4 BEARING IN MIND that homosexual marriage is legal in only 133 of 193 countries in the
5 UN, and

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7 FULLY ALARMED that legal action against hate crimes towards LGBT people is not
8 consistent through all countries in the UN, and

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10 MINDFUL that the UN states clearly in the preamble of the Declaration of Human Rights
11 that "all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights" including people of all
12 sexualities, and

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14 STRESSING that people in every country are being brutally murdered because of how they
15 identify themselves;

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17 1) DEPLORES the third social committee to regulate the penalty of hate crimes
18 against LGBT members across all countries in the UN, and

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20 2) REQUESTS that the council enforces laws previously made prohibiting the
21 discrimination of all people based on sexual orientation, and

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23 3) COMMENDS the UN on its agreement that all people, regardless of race,
24 gender, or sexual orientation deserve basic human rights, and

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26 4) SUPPORTS Article 30 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights which states
27 that no group or person may engage in any activity or to perform any act
28 aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein, and

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30 5) CALLS UPON the third social committee to review the freedoms set forth in
31 the Declaration of Human Rights in order to provide a safer and more unified
32 State.



Subject: Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

Sponsored By: Denmark

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1 EMPHASIZING the fact that, in order for the members of the LGBT+ community
2 around the globe to feel safer in their own environment all around the globe, and
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4 STRESSING the fact that in seventy-four countries, being homosexual and bisexual,
5 thirteen countries by 2016 ILGA homosexuality is punishable by death, and
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7 FULLY ACKNOWLEDGING the efforts made by LGBT rights activists and the
8 United Nations vote in protection against violence and discrimination against sexual orientation
9 and gender identity, and
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12 AWARE that human rights is to be acknowledged no matter the race, gender identity,
13 sexuality, and
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16 1) STRESSES that each country makes laws against discrimination of same-
17 sex couple and children of same-sex couples;
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19 2) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT that same-sex members are as equal standing as
20 anyone else in politics and business;
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22 3) SUGGESTS that the Model UN fully participates in promoting pro-lgbt+
23 rights.
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Subject: Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

Sponsored By: The Republic of Estonia

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1 Recognizing that 15 European nations have legalized same-sex marriages during the past
2 17 years, and

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4 Appalled by the fact that the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) has listed sexual orientation
5 as the third-highest motivator for hate crimes, only prefaced by race and religion, and

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7 Alarmed that nearly 100 transgender people were murdered because of their gender
8 identity across the world in 2016, and

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10 Noting with grave concern the number of nations willing to cause physical harm to their
11 LGBT+ citizens, and

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13 Emphasizing that the unlawful mistreatment of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgender
14 people is the unlawful mistreatment of legal citizens;

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16 1) Proposes that other nations legalize homosexuality, bisexuality, and
17 transgenderism;

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19 2) Encourages member states to do everything in their power to prevent violence
20 against LGBT+ people that is strictly connected to their identity;

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22 3) Calls upon LGBT+ allies to encourage their citizens to be more accepting towards
23 sexual minorities.
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Subject: Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

Sponsored By: Iran

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1 AWARE that in 2018, 74 countries around the world still don't allow gay marriage,
2 and 17 of these countries carry out the death sentence to those convicted of being gay,
3 and
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5 EMPHASIZING that the its the right of the counties and those who reside in it to
6 openly practice their religion without discrimination, and
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9 GUIDED BY the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Everyone is entitled to all the
10 rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind religion,
11 political or other opinion, and
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13 HOWEVER the religious rights of these countries should not be demonized by the
14 public and press because of their political ideologies, and
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17 ALARMED BY The growing acceptance of gay marriage through the LGBT+ in the
18 west threatens are sacred way of life, and
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20 RECOGNIZING the issue of gay marriage to our religion;
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- 22 1) CALLS UPON the Third Social Committee to recognize the importance of
23 Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity, and
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- 26 2) EXPRESSES ITS HOPE the committee supports the viewpoint and actions of
27 those who choose to practice their religion, and
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- 30 3) DRAWS THE ATTENTION to the other nations attempts to impede on the
31 the entitled rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration of
32 Human Rights citing article 2, and
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- 35 4) TRUSTS that any actions taken by the committee will respect the boundaries
36 of religious practices, and
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- 5) EMPHASIZES that religious values can not be taken away by the UN.



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Subject: Sexual Orientation
Sponsored By: The Republic of Iraq
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1 Cognizant that there is not enough research available to prove that homosexuality stems from
2 birth, or that it is a “genetic trait,” confirming that it is impossible to cure it as a genetic
3 abnormality, and
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5 Aware that mental illness is defined by the American Psychiatric Association as: “Conditions
6 involving changes in emotion, thinking or behavior (or a combination of theses), mental
7 illnesses are associated with distress and or problems functioning in social, work or family
8 activities... mental illnesses are also treatable,” and that homosexuality is no longer defined as a
9 mental illness, and
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11 Grieved that thousands of families are affected by this social abnormality, known as
12 homosexuality, which can easily be prevented by choosing not to partake in debaucherous acts
13 with those of the same sex, and
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15 Concerned that Western nations are very supportive of these moral atrocities, in some cases
16 encouraging this deviant behavior, making it legal for these characters to engage in same sex
17 adultery, and
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19 Applauding member states for banning seditious propaganda, suppressing the corruption of
20 heterosexual youth via Western media, such as television, posters, popular movies, and books,
21 as well as the internet, paving the way for other nations to join in these preemptive actions, and
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23 Mindful that homosexuality is a choice, punishable in most morally sound nations, and that it is
24 by no means a viable way of living;
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- 26 1) Calls upon member nations to emphasize a strong sense of morals in their public
27 educational facilities, teaching youth that homosexuality is the wrong choice;
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- 29 2) Encourages all homosexuals worldwide to simply choose a more positive lifestyle
30 aligned with the continuation of our species, and discontinue their unprincipled
31 activities;
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- 33 3) Invites the development of a center for moral reconditioning, reinforcing the teaching of
34 Islam in an affirmative way, focusing on solidifying the importance of values of the
35 traditional family unit.
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Subject: Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

Sponsored By: Israel

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1 EMPHASIZING the fact that Israel troops killed over 2,000 plus people in the last three Gaza
2 quarrels by themselves, not including any other wars or fights, and
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4 STRESSING the fact that in order to fix these problems, the United Nations needs to place
5 more laws on the fact that one human cannot kill another without a consequence being
6 placed on them and
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8 FULLY ACKNOWLEDGING the fact that same sex marriage cannot be performed in Israel
9 legally, they have to go to another country and get married then come back, but
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11 NOTING with deep concern that some of the people of Israel are very poor and cannot afford
12 to go out of the country to get married and
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14 EMPHASIZING further that we need to help these poor people of Israel and
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17 1.) STRESSES the importance of the United Nations to stop these Gaza quarrels from
18 happening so regularly, then maybe we can prevent some of these killings of
19 innocent minorities
- 20 2.) PROMOTES the United Nations creating a new law emphasizing the fact that there
21 will be major consequences to any human who kills another person because of any
22 reason, especially discrimination
- 23 3.) IMPLORES the idea of the United Nations making it legal to have a same sex
24 marriage inside the country of Israel
- 25 4.) ENCOURAGES strongly for all of the United Nations to work together to make this
26 possibly for the people that would like to have a same sex marriage and cannot afford
27 to go out of the country to get marriage
- 28 5.) SUGGESTS all of United Nations need to work together, communicate and cooperate
29 to help make the laws better and improve the lives of the people of Israel
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Submitted To: 3rd Social

Topic: Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

Submitted By: Japan

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1 **ALARMED** of the fact that LGBT rights and marriages are not legal under law and not
2 entirely accepted by the citizens who show protest through violence including rape, killings,
3 mutilation, torture, abduction, harassment, physical and mental assaults, and many more, and
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5 **COGNIZANT** of the fact that Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appealed for the end of laws
6 that criminalize homosexuality and that humans around the world must stand up to end all of
7 the laws that do not give equal rights to all no matter gender, race, age, or sexuality, and
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9 **APPRECIATING** that a bipartisan parliamentary group establish in March of 2015
10 discussed legislation and discrimination of sexual orientation and gender identity but still not
11 having come up with a bill, and
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13 **ENDORSING** that in April 2016, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and
14 Technology (AKA MEXT) released a guidebook to educators on sexual orientation, gender
15 identity, and the bullying that comes with it, and
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17 **RECOGNIZING** the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides basic rights and
18 fundamental freedoms to all humans stating that everyone is born free and equal in dignity
19 and rights;
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- 21 1. **URGES** the nation of Japan to not only acknowledge same-sex marriage but
22 also legalize it nationally in a way in which the law may never be repealed in
23 any shape or form for the years to come;
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- 25 2. **URGES** MEXT to speak and educate the students and well as the teacher on
26 sexual orientation and gender identity and the acceptance of those individuals
27 who feel romantic feelings toward the same sex or wish to dress or act in the
28 way they feel suits them best;
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- 30 3. **EMPHASIZES** the need to eliminate all derogatory words, actions, etc. that
31 speak negatively about gender identity, sexual orientation, and human rights
32 that prove to have negative effects on the individuals who are victims to
33 bullying and abuse from other individuals;
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- 35 4. **EXPRESSES THE HOPE** that the United Nations and Japan will enforce
36 equality and rights to all humans no matter sexual orientation and gender
37 identity and will also protect those who feel threatened by other do to those
38 factors.



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Submitted To: 3rd SCH
Topic: Sexual Orientation
Submitted By: Kuwait

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1 OBSERVING that most of the world's governments have accepted people that are sexually
2 attracted to the opposite gender, and prefer relationships with the same sex, and

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4 RECOGNIZING that people in Kuwait, and other countries, are punished and condemned for
5 same-sex attractions, and

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7 DEEPLY CONCERNED that disapproving countries will attempt to enforce legislation that
8 prohibits a country's efforts against same-sex attraction, and

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10 FULLY AWARE that other countries are not punishing people who are engaged in relationships
11 with the same sex,

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13 HAVING EXAMINED situations where Kuwait, and other countries, have been criticized for
14 killing, imprisoning, or deporting men and woman who are accused of having a sexual attraction
15 towards the same sex;

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17 1) CALLS UPON other countries that share the same ideals as us to support our country and
18 continue to help us keep these ideals;
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20 2) EXPRESSES its hope that other countries will respect the sovereignty of individual
21 nations to enact laws for cultural and moral purposes;
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23 3) REQUESTS that other countries do not try to involve themselves in the political and
24 social actions that are under a sovereign county's discretion;
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26 4) STRONGLY CONDEMNS any other country who tries to integrate political, social or
27 moral perspectives about same-sex attractions, in another;
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29 5) DECLARES that sanctions be imposed on any country that attempts to interfere with the
30 political, social or moral perspective of another, sovereign country.



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Subject: Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, And Gender Identity

Sponsored By: New Zealand

Submitted To: 3rd Social

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1 STRESSING that both sexual orientation and gender identity are traits that are possessed by
2 an individual and therefore tie directly into human rights, and
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4 EMPHASIZING that in multiple nations across the globe that these rights are not only
5 denied but criminalized by a possible death sentence, and
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7 ACKNOWLEDGING that religious and moral disagreements are the main reason these
8 rights are denied from citizens of many nations, and
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10 FURTHER EMPHASIZING that individuals have no control over their sexual attraction
11 and/or gender identity comparably as much as they have control over other things such as
12 race or sex;
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14 1) IMPLORES that the UN join with mental health establishments/ temporary
15 living spaces to further improve treatment for youth fighting against these issues;
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17 2) ENCOURAGES for the UN to fight for rights in nations against LGBTQ+
18 persons;
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20 3) COMPELS the UN provides safe, helpful and reliable sources to LGBTQ+ youth
21 and persons regardless of the current political stance of their nation.
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Submitted To: 3rd SCH

Topic: Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

Submitted By: Panama

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1 Affirming the UN that Panama has altered laws to help LGBT members becoming normal
2 members of society, and

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4 Appreciating other countries efforts to allow them their own rights as human beings in their own
5 community, along with giving them privileges such as changing their birth certificate, choosing
6 which bathroom they feel comfortable in going into, but

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8 Concerned that these LGBT members may soon have more rights than others in their
9 community; such as allowing them to choose which bathroom they feel they want to enter; others
10 may abuse this right by saying they identify as a certain gender just to get into a bathroom of the
11 opposite sex as them, and

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13 Fully acknowledging that LGBT members are people and deserve rights that others have along
14 with certain privileges that they have acquired since the coming of the surgery to make this all
15 possible, and

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17 Confident that other countries can understand that human rights must be satisfied to have a
18 successful government and country, for if we cannot have basic human rights, society as we
19 know it may collapse and never come back

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21 1) Expresses the belief that LGBT members must be allowed certain rights that
22 That others are given such as getting married and changing your birth certificate;

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24 2) Takes note that Panama is taking measures to allow LGBTs more such as same
25 sex marriage and allowing them to sue for rights they do not already have;

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27 3) Reassures that Panama will not forget that LGBT members are humans too and
28 need to have the same rights as others;

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30 4) Expresses the belief the other countries hold along side with Panama, that they
31 should not be treated more better than regular citizens and that they should have equal
32 rights.

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Submitted To: 3rd Social

Topic: Human Rights Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Submitted By: Republic of Korea

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BEARING IN MIND 76 states still have laws against same-sex relationships, making them punishable by fines, imprisonment, or “corrective” rape, and

CONSIDERING persecutions and abuses on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity can be difficult to notice, as they take place both in private and public places and are deeply entrenched within prevailing cultural values, and

RECOGNIZING that stigma and discrimination based on SOGI can take many forms, from psychological harassment to physical assault, violence, and killings, and

REITERATING that the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights contends that each state should respect the rights of any and all individuals recognized in the Covenant, “without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or status,” and

CONSCIOUS that the principles of equality, universality, and non-nondiscrimination are the founding points of human rights, etched in the 1945 article Charter of the United Nations and the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and

AWARE that recent education initiatives which have offered counseling in schools and youth centers, and promotes a safe place to discuss issues related to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity;

1. **CALLS UPON** member states to repeal laws which discriminate against individuals based upon gender identity and sexual orientation;
2. **INVITES** member states to pass more laws criminalizing the harassment and violence against individuals based on sexual orientation and gender identity;
3. **URGES** member states to share best practices more efficiently, to encourage standardized legal reformation, and safeguard the preexisting legal framework that are already grounded within UN institutions;
4. **RECOMMENDS** countries provide documentation that reflects each individual’s gender identity;
5. **INVITES** member states to widen the target audience for HIV/AIDS contraction, other sexually transmitted diseases/ infections, as well as reproductive health issues due to pregnancies.



Subject: Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

Sponsored By: South Africa

Submitted To: 3rd SCH

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1 ALARMED BY the amount of hate crimes reported in a five-year report by the Hate Crimes
2 Working group,

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4 FULLY ALARMED by the fact that out of 945 cases in that period, 35% were reported by
5 LGBTQ+ people of South Africa,

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7 BEARING IN MIND that homosexuality was a common practice in pre-colonial Africa
8 among Zande of Sudan and in the mines, later on in gold mines in the 1950s and 1960s in
9 South Africa, taking this into account, homosexuality should be more accepted as something
10 normal rather than immoral,

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12 RECOGNIZING that LGBTQ+ people of South Africa were finally allowed to have legal
13 same-sex marriage in 2006, but they need better protection in the police forces of the country;
14 in other countries, where being gay or bisexual is punishable by death or jail time, people are
15 not given protection from their government in any way since what their are is looked upon as
16 a crime and a disease of some sort rather than natural occurrences,

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18 1. CALLS UPON South African Parliament to pass a law that will include more
19 LGBTQ+ identifying people in the police forces to help further the progress on gender
20 equality and safety in the country, also in all countries, where there is legality among
21 LGBTQ+, that they take what is being said into consideration and apply it to their
22 countries;

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24 2. URGES other countries to also start or continue to evolve the collection and reporting
25 of hate crimes within their regions and submit that data to the UN, that way it can be
26 responded to quicker where the level of violence is highest and according to the
27 declaration in a humane way;

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29 3. FURTHER CALLS UPON other countries, who have not legalized homosexuality, to
30 honor the UN Declaration of Human Rights and look upon articles 1, 5, and 6, and
31 realize that what they have been doing to others they would not want wished upon
32 themselves, also, by legalizing same-sex marriage they would have a lower crime rate
33 and a more functional society;

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35 4. REQUESTS that the committee have those who experience hate crimes against
36 LGBTQ+ to report them in order to have current statistics and records on the topic up
37 to date with our current year.
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Subject: Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

Sponsored By: Sweden

Submitted To: 3rd SCH

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1 EMPHASIZING that since the early 1990s, discourse over rights concerning the LGBTQIA
2 community has intensified, predominantly with relation to the question of marriage, the role
3 of the family, and equality between the sexes, and
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5 RECALLING that the word “sexuality” had never been seen before 1993 in any
6 intergovernmental document at an international level, aside from the 1989 Convention of the
7 Rights of the Child on protection from sexual exploitation, and
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9 FULLY AWARE that the United Nations has been the site of discussion regarding human
10 rights, sexual orientation, and gender identity for decades, primarily at the United Nations
11 Human Rights Council (CHR), where a resolution on “protection against violence and
12 discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity” was adopted and,
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14 DEEPLY DISTURBED that despite the case being passed, of the forty-seven voters at the
15 CHR, eighteen voted against passing the resolution, and six abstained, showing that nearly
16 half of the UN countries are not accepting of LGBTQIA people, and
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- 18 1) ACCEPTS that not all sovereign states have the same history and legislative
19 body, though changing the way things are done and viewed isn’t necessarily
20 bad;
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- 22 2) ENCOURAGES all nations to educate themselves and to aid others in
23 becoming educated on matters regarding human rights of the LGBTQIA
24 community;
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- 26 3) CALLS UPON each country to establish nonprofit organizations of support for
27 people in need of safety and/or help out of a dangerous situation, which could
28 be funded by donations and changes in the national budget;
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- 30 4) EXPRESSES ITS HOPE for a safe, open, and accepting future for all people,
31 in all nations.
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Submitted To: 3 SCH

Topic: Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender
Identity

Submitted By: Switzerland

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1 ACKNOWLEDGING that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action affirms that all
2 human rights are indivisible, interdependent, and interrelated,

3 BEARING IN MIND that the Vienna Declaration also declares it is the duty of the states,
4 regardless of political, economic and cultural systems, to promote and protect all human
5 rights and fundamental freedoms,

6 ENDORSING the importance of respecting regional, cultural, and religious values when
7 considering human rights issues,

8 REITERATING the need to maintain international human rights as stated in the official
9 Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

10 1. REAFFIRMS all humans are born with equal dignity and rights, and all
11 People are entitled to these rights;

12 2. APPLUADS all countries making strides to encourage equal treatment of
13 all people regardless of race, sex, language, religion, and other status;

14 3. SUGGESTING all states regard the Universal Declaration of Human
15 Rights when considering ways to overcome violence and discrimination;

16 4. INVITES all states to uphold all international human rights to their highest
17 standards;

18 5. WELCOMES all states to implement measures against the violence or
19 discrimination against those of varying sexual orientation and gender;

20 6. ENCOURAGES all nations to deal with the issue of discrimination and
21 violence against those within the LBGQT community with the utmost
22 respect and honesty and without bias.



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Subject: Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

Sponsored By: United Arab Emirates

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1. Believing that all countries should enact laws that forbid homosexuality due to the fact
2. that homosexuality wrong and;
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4. Taking into account that countries have allowed immigrants into their countries to
5. escape persecution and;
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7. Acknowledging that many countries allow homosexuality but also have more of a
8. crime rate in their nations and;
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10. Stressing that many countries turn immigrant away from their countries and or deport
11. them back to their home country and;
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13. Reiterating the fact that transgender people acting in a biologically incorrect ways and;
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15. Pushing that all countries enact laws that prohibit cross-dressing public
16. in an area in which subject can be viewed by others and;
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18. Encouraging that all continents ban any surgery that biological change
19. the nature of one's body to the opposite sex and;
- 20.
21. Calling to Action that anyone caught fleeing the country to escape
22. persecution will have a jail sentence of 15 years;
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24. Pleading that all sexes have different stores or that stores are segregated
25. so another country that males and females are not purchasing items that
26. give them the ability to cross-dress;
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28. Reminding that it is against the law to flee the country to go to another
29. country so you can escape prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.



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Submitted To: 3rd Social
Topic: Refugee Welfare
Submitted By: Canada

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1 **AWARE** of the fact that many countries are individually economically weak, and

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3 COGNIZANT that most of the refugees are fleeing wars from Asia and the Middle East to do to
4 Europe, and

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6 ENDORSING the fact that more than half of the refugees come from just three countries: Syria,
7 Afghanistan, and Somalia, and

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9 ALARMED by the fact that most of the refugees on the way to Europe travel during the summer
10 which causes death by the heat and/or dehydration, and

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12 EXPRESSING DEEP CONCERN by the fact that refugees area causing a burden on nations
13 which have limited resources, and

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15 CONCERENED by the fact that member states are not allowing refugees into their nations
16 although many have previously agreed;

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18 1. REQUESTS that the European members states allow the agreed upon refugees in
19 their country;
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21 2. RECOMMENDS that member states create safe zones in designated areas for
22 refugees;
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24 3. CALLS UPON member states to create a financial fund for the countries that are
25 taking in the most refugees;
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27 4. RECOMMENDS to have a specific transportation system for those who are fleeing
28 their countries and provide a source of water to prevent heat dehydration or death by
29 heat exhaustion;
30
31 5. DIRECTS countries to have a program for donation for refugees with no supplies;
32
33 6. INSTRUCTS nations who cannot support refugees financially to avoid accepting
34 them into their country on the ground of, instable economies cannot help, missed
35 place persons, thus creating a worse issue.



McKendree Invitational

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Subject: Refugee Welfare

Sponsored By: Egypt

Submitted To: 3rd SCH

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1 Fully Acknowledging the suffering and struggles so many countries are going through. The
2 pain that drives masses of people to exit their home country.

3
4 Thankful For the strides so many countries have taken to except and implant protection for
5 these refugees. Not only protecting their own citizens but making it a priority to shelter
6 people fleeing from their country.

7
8 Saddened by the reality that asylum-seekers and refugees continued to face arrest, detention
9 and deportation for entering or exiting the country of Egypt.

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11 Recognizing that 221,675 refugees have registered in Egypt as of 2018. More than half of
12 those refugees are Syrian.

13
14 Realizing the number of Syrian refugees registered came out to 127,414. Coming out to 57%
15 of the total number of refugees registered in Egypt, according to reports.

16
17 Other Masses of refugee groups in Egypt's neighboring Sudanese refugees with 36,196. Then
18 followed by Ethiopians with 14,564 and Eritreans with 12,959.

19
20 Acknowledging that Egypt is actively participating in international forums to develop ways of
21 dealing with and protecting immigrants and refugees.

22
23 Proud To Say Egypt has the highest rate of enrollment of Syrian children in schools at
24 40,000. These children receive the same education and services as Egyptians students.

25
26 Mentioning that in 2016 the Egyptian president Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi said, "Egypt hosts five
27 million refugees and immigrants despite facing its own economic challenges. Yet there are no
28 official figures on the number of unregistered refugees and illegal immigrants in the country."

29
30 Calls Upon all members and branches of the Egyptian government to do its moral
31 duties to welcome and accept refugees and immigrants into their country.

32
33 Strike a new conversation of tolerance and protection for these people.
34 Acknowledging the pain and struggling refugees continue to un

35
36 Dive into solutions to global problems like terrorism that continues to drive people out
37 of their home countries.

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Purpose instituting a force of government members to seeking true protecting and care for refugee peoples.



Subject: Refugee Welfare
Sponsored By: The Republic of Finland
Submitted To: 3rd Social

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1 Alarmed by how many nations are encountering refugee crises without knowing how to
2 properly deal with the number of refugees, and
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4 Reminding all nations that everyone has the freedom of movement and residence within the
5 borders of each state as well as the right to leave any country, even their own, and return to
6 their country according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), and
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8 Reaffirming that because all humans have the right to leave countries and come back to
9 countries as they wish, there is nothing wrong with refugees migrating to another nation for
10 traditional reasons or seeking asylum within another nation, and
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12 Noting with regret that there are still nations that refuse to accept refugees into their country
13 and
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15 Noting further that some nations even offer to pay refugees to rid the refugee populous from
16 the country, and
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18 Realizing that these issues could be resolved simply by opening borders, and
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20 Bearing in mind that if these issues are not dealt with at short notice, that the current
21 conditions of the global refugee crisis could only exponentially increase at dangerous degrees
22 until there is truly no way for any nation to fix this detrimental situation;
23

- 24 1.) Encourages all nations to open their borders to all of those in need of a home or just
25 those that have the right to come into their nation, as all humans have the right to go
26 into or leave any state as they wish;
- 27 2.) Urges the nations within this committee to be a part of a team effort to distribute as
28 many refugees to all nations with open borders as evenly as possible to reduce
29 overpopulation;
- 30 3.) Calls for the development of a United Nations Trust Fund that encourages voluntary
31 donations from the private transnational sector to aid in funding the implementation of
32 the plan to equally distribute these displaced people into all nations with opened
33 borders;
- 34 4.) Stresses the need to act quickly in order to stop this crisis before it grows too far out
35 of hand for any nations allied together to halt this calamity's progression.



McKendree Invitational

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Subject: Refugee Welfare

Sponsored By: The Republic of Germany

Submitted To: SCH 3rd

2/4

1 Affirming that the number of refugees increases every year in Germany because of the
2 substantial aid that Germany gives to them since 2016, according to Bertelsmann Foundation,
3 and
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5 Considering that studies from the Bertelsmann Foundation and the Department of Germanic
6 studies have both indicated that more than 1.1 million refugees came into Germany in the
7 over the past year, but
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9 Taking into account that Germany is providing approximately 1.1 million refugees shelter and
10 money, negatively affecting Germany's economy, and
11

12 Appalled by the amount of money that refugees get for just going to Germany, and
13

14 Emphasizing that the number of refugees is growing larger and larger every year and that
15 Germany needs to make their refugee policies less beneficial to the refugees;
16

- 17 1) Draws attention to the overpopulation in Europe, and they either need more space or
18 more countries to support them;
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- 20 2) Stresses the need for more refugee support from the European nations;
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- 22 3) Calls upon the rest of Europe to provide housing for refugees so Germany does not
23 become overpopulated;
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- 25 4) Expresses the belief that all members of the EU need to discuss how to solve the
26 refugee crisis;
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- 28 5) Acknowledges that the UN should create housing for refugees to live;
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- 30 6) Proposes that refugees get food stamps and little money instead of a large amount of
31 money and still lives in the asylum compounds.
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Submitted To: 3rd SCH

Topic: Refugee Welfare

Submitted By: India

2/5

1 **Recalling** the most recent Refugee Brief of the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner on
2 Refugees) estimates that a total of 68.5 million people were displaced in the last year alone and that
3 only 100,000 of those were able to be resettled by the UN, and
4

5 **Realizing** that in order for these people to possess such rights and have the basic necessities humans
6 require, borders are likely in need of being opened and refugee acceptance rates must climb, and
7

8 **Encouraged** by the humanitarian aid society known as World Relief and its efforts internationally to
9 help end poverty, fight disease, feed hunger, protest war, fund disaster aid, and prevent persecution,
10 and
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12 **Bearing in mind** that such a nonprofit organization as the World Relief could be highly beneficial
13 due to less financial need to support a privately funded organization and that as a result, countries
14 need not fork over any of their hard earned domestic product to support the continued efforts of such
15 an organization, and
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17 **Considering** the World Relief's efforts are mainly focused on displaced individuals and that in order
18 for their welfare to be guaranteed, the UN must support or partner with such organizations, and
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20 **Noting** that without the World Relief's efforts, or any other organization that may be outside the UN
21 which is focused on the refugee crisis, the UN might never succeed and should consider a partnership
22 as the current figures express that only a little over 1/1000th of a percent of refugees were
23 successfully resettled in the past year without the combination of efforts;
24

- 25 1) **Directs** the UNHCR to combining its efforts with those of the World Relief as well as
26 promoting and supporting the organization;
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28 2) **Invites** any and all nations to open borders to all refugees if at all possible based on their
29 economic and domestic abilities and whether they can support such refugees;
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31 3) **Suggests** that the UN construct a system (based on the ideas set forth by the World Relief
32 and other partners of this organization) that focuses on resettling displaced individuals by
33 incorporating World Relief aid and its preexisting stationed help centers and protecting their
34 human rights and general welfare that should be awarded to all peoples;
35
36 4) **Applauds** the actions of the UNHCR in identifying and tallying refugees but wishes that such
37 action be extended beyond mere tallies and be more focused on the continual search for
38 resettlement in open border countries.



Submitted To: Third Social
Topic: Refugee Welfare
Submitted By: Kazakhstan

2/6

1 **Recognizing** the fact that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) defines a
2 refugee as person who is forced to flee their home country due to persecution, war, or violence, and
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4 **Noting with grave concern** that the current number of refugees is the highest the world has ever seen,
5 with there being 25.4 million refugees around the world as of 2017, and
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7 **Noting with regret** that there are few legal channels for refugees to follow, and that many are forced to
8 take unstable boats across dangerous bodies of water to flee persecution, with the International
9 Organization for Migration reporting at least 5,000 drowning in 2016, and
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11 **Aware** that 2.6 million refugees live in camps, and that many of these camps are overcrowded,
12 underfunded, or wearing down, and that the conditions can be inhumane, and
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14 **Expresses its appreciation** for the states who have taken in millions of refugees, provided funding for
15 programs or nations to assist refugees, and those who have cooperated with other nations and the UN to
16 end the current refugee crisis, and
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18 **Appreciating** the efforts of the UNHCR to construct refugee camps that are safe, humane, and that
19 provide the proper equipment for the refugees to survive, and
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21 **Applauds** the Universal Declaration of Human Rights passed on December 10, 1948, that states that
22 everyone has the right to seek asylum in another country to flee persecution, and
23

- 24 1) **Welcoming** the idea of an international fund set up and managed by all willing and able
25 states to finance the creation of safe and humane refugee camps in said nations;
26
- 27 2) **Suggests** that willing and able nations meet to set quotas for refugee intake based on a
28 nation's population, open living space, level of infrastructure, and most importantly, their
29 willingness to partake in accepting refugees into their country;
30
- 31 3) **Suggests** that states bordering the nations where many refugees come from provide safe
32 travel routes for the refugees if said state is unable or unwilling to take them in;
33
- 34 4) **Recommends** that states unable or unwilling to take in refugees assist in the crisis by
35 donating items like medical supplies, building materials, food, water, or even money to states
36 who are taking in refugees, especially in high quantities;
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- 38 5) **Expresses the hope** that leaders will do their best to combat xenophobia and racism directed
39 toward refugees which forces them to travel further to seek safety or continue to be
40 persecuted in a new country;
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- 42 6) **Reiterates** that nations partner with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as Sunrise
43 USA and Refugees International, to help refugees get shelter, supplies, legal assistance,
44 medical care, and other essentials.



McKendree Invitational

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Subject: Refugee Welfare

Sponsored By: The Republic of Lithuania

Submitted To: 3rd SCH

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1 Aware of the social and economic impact of large refugee populations on host developing
2 nations, and

3
4 Expressing deep concern that there are more than 25.4 million refugees, with 57% of these
5 refugees coming from the nations of South Sudan, Afghanistan, and Syria, and

6
7 Appreciating the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting 979,400 refugees, Lebanon for hosting
8 one million refugees, Pakistan and Uganda for hosting 1.4 million refugees, and Turkey,
9 hosting 3.5 million refugees, and

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11 Emphasizing that the cost for resettlement of Middle Eastern refugees in the United States is
12 very high and induces a very heavy welfare; 91 percent of these refugees receive food stamps
13 and 68 percent receive cash assistance, and

14
15 Mindful that many front line and developing nations' governments are not able to pay for the
16 costs of infrastructure for all the refugees in their nation, and many governments believe and
17 hope for communities and surrounding nations to help compensate for costs;

18
19 1) Recommends that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
20 establish a global network for information sharing among cities to:

21 a) Implement UNHCR efforts increase the number of refugees in school and the
22 number of refugees granted the legal right to work;

23 b) Update nations' governments and other stakeholders, from school boards to
24 chambers of commerce, have knowledge on what works and what does not
25 when it comes to refugee integration;

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27 2) Suggests that the UNHCR send volunteers in each nation and government officials to
28 help create small sectors for all refugees to be settled for refugees to begin their own
29 community; in return, this will help keep down the security and monitoring costs of
30 refugees in nations that can not afford these extra expenses;

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32 3) Further Suggests that all refugees, if capable, who have been resettled in nations be
33 given the opportunity to join their resettled nations militia, in order to cut down on costs
34 for housing, insurance, and food in that nation.



McKendree Invitational

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Submitted To: 3rd SCH

Topic: Refugee Welfare

Submitted By: Pakistan

2/8

1 **ALARMED** by, of the 68.5 million forcibly displaced people world, over half of the 25.4
2 million refugees are under the age of 18 according to the United Nations High Commissioner for
3 Refugees (UNHCR), and

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5 **DEEPLY CONCERNED** as 61 percent of refugee children, and less that 50 percent of refugee
6 children in low-income countries, attend primary school. Globally, 91 percent of children attend
7 primary school, and

8
9 **EMPHASIZING** the refugee children are stated to be five times more likely to be out of school
10 than their non-refugee peers, and

11
12 **STRESSING** that only 2.9 million of the 6.4 million refugees of school-age were enrolled in
13 2016, meaning 3.5 million, more than half, did not go to school, and

14
15 **RECALLING** that education is a basic human right, solidified in the 1989 Convention on the
16 Rights of the Child and the 1951 Refugee Convention, "States are expected to cooperate with us
17 in ensuring that the rights of refugees are respected and protected;

- 18
19 1.) **RECOGNIZES** primary education enrollment for refugees increased from 50
20 percent in 2015 to 61 percent in 2016, in large part due to improvements for Syrian
21 refugee children thanks to increased international efforts and measures taken by
22 host governments;
- 23
24 2.) **SUGGESTS** for an implementation of a volunteer organization where aspiring
25 teachers travel around to educate refugees in need;
- 26
27 3.) **CALLS UPON** members of the United Nations to include an opportunity program
28 for future educators to participate in the organization
- 29
30 4.) **FURTHER REQUESTS** for financial aid from the United Nations to fund
31 organization expenses for the safety of volunteering teachers.



Subject: Refugee Welfare

Sponsored By: 3rd Social

Submitted By: Peru

2/9

1 **Emphasizing** the fact that refugees flee from governments that are unable or unwilling to
2 protect their human rights, a fact that is closely linked to refugee laws and international
3 human rights laws, and
4

5 **Noting** that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the UN
6 Refugee Agency have the ability to protect refugees, forcibly displaced communities, and
7 stateless people, as well as assisting in their voluntary repatriation, and
8

9 **Recognizing** that in 2016, 65.6 million refugees were being forced to move out of nations
10 that they were inhabiting and were being displaced worldwide and that when the refugees
11 returned to their countries, it caused concern about the sustainability of said nation country's
12 sustainability, and
13

14 **Alarmed** that in 2017, out of the 164,000 people that the Eurostat Asylum Quarterly Report
15 were seeking asylum from non-EU countries, about 137,000 are first timers for seeking
16 asylum;
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- 18 1) **Emphasizes** the need for member nations to take it upon themselves to implement the
19 human rights policies as stated in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human
20 Rights (UDHR);
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- 22 2) **Stresses** nations to help refugees, give monetary aid and safe havens; in the middle of
23 war or when natural disasters happen, there would be a way to help refugees in a time
24 of crisis;
25
- 26 3) **Encourages** more countries to help or take in refugees to assist them with aid and
27 providing safe havens for refugees to get food and resources they need to start helping
28 them instead of putting their lives at more risk;
29
- 30 4) **Urges** nations to assist the millions of people who need aid and not displace them due
31 to their living standards and religions, by helping these refugees with open arms they
32 may be able to return without it being unsustainable for them; therefore giving them a
33 chance to be there permanently.
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McKendree Invitational

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Submitted To: 3rd Social

Topic: Refugee Welfare

Submitted By: Poland

2/10

1 **KEEPING IN MIND** that a refugee is an individual that has been forced out of his/her
2 country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster, and
3

4 **HAVING DEVOTED ATTENTION** to the immense amount of displaced individuals who
5 have experienced hostility ns negligence upon arriving to their intended destination due to
6 things such as: cultural disagreements, ethnic differences, and unpreparedness of the host
7 country, and
8

9 **RECOGNIZING** that every country has a given right to refuse refugees and the United
10 Nations is not to infringe on their sovereignty, and
11

12 **EMPHASIZING** that there is not enough clear distinction within each country about their
13 specific plan to follow if their inhabitants were to flee to another country, and
14

15 **DEEPLY CONCERNED** about the highest recorded refugee rate in over seventy years with
16 over sixty million refugees seeking asylum, and
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18 **TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the multiple refugee aid groups such as UNHCR, ICR, and
19 Refugee One.
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21 1. **URGES** the United Nations to hold a committee meeting of all bordering countries to
22 have their individual plans regarding who will and who will not take the refugees
23 fleeing to another country, and
24

25 2. **REITERATES** that the refugee's placement dilemma could be solved by the
26 agreement of all countries as to where these displaced individuals will go, and
27

28 3. **SUGGESTS** that all countries who do not wish to take in refugees should contribute a
29 designated amount to a monetary fund to help pay for the necessities of the refugees
30 thus keeping the so called integrity of their country but aiding the issue as well, and
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32 4. **ENCOURAGES** the volunteer aid groups to take all monetary contributions and aid
33 one situation entirely before moving on to the next pressing matter at hand to ensure
34 the stabilization of one issue at a time.
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McKendree Invitational

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Submitted To: 3rd SCH
Topic: Refugee Welfare
Submitted By: Ukraine

2/11

1 Recognizing that by the end of 2017, nearly 70 million people were forcibly displaced
2 worldwide due to persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations, and in order for the
3 world to function properly as a whole, these people must be treated with equal rights and
4 protections, and

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6 Considering that of these nearly 70 million people, there were a total of 25.4 million refugees in
7 the world, the highest there has ever been, and

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9 Taking into account the violent annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and the continued threat of
10 human rights violations for refugees, an effort must be put forth by member countries of the
11 United Nations to bring an end to these deploring conditions, and

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13 Bearing in mind the past efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, or
14 UNHCR, to meet the needs of the 1.8 million internally displaced persons (IDP), 3,250 refugees,
15 and 35,000 stateless persons, by supplying coal and winter clothing along with money, and legal
16 assistance to refugees and asylum seekers, in addition providing housing maintenance and
17 shelters while helping the stateless acquire a nationality to end statelessness, and

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19 Stressing that an effort must be put forth by nations to end the continued violations of peace
20 negotiations the continued violations of peace negotiations hampering these efforts, an effort
21 must be put forth by member Nations to end these issues, and

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23 1) Calls upon member nations to fund permanent solutions to return those affected to
24 their original land and additionally funding this enormous and logistical operation;

25
26 2) Requests to also financially aid organizations such as the UNHCR in their efforts to
27 assist refugees and other displaced persons,

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29 3) Encourages U.S.-based volunteers to help find a permanent home for elderly or
30 disabled persons
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McKendree Invitational

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Subject: Refugee Welfare

Sponsored By: The United Kingdom

Submitted To: 3rd Social, Cultural, Humanitarian

2/12

1 NOTING that a refugee is a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to
2 escape war, persecution, or natural disaster, and

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4 EXPRESSING WITH GRAVE CONCERN there are 25.4 refugees worldwide, and

5
6 HORRIFIED that one person is forcibly displaced every two seconds as a result of conflict or
7 persecution, and

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9 APPLAUDING the 128 nations that have accepted refugees;

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11 1) ENCOURAGES other nations to follow in the footsteps of countries such as
12 Canada, Sweden, and The United Kingdom, among others;

13
14 2) STRONGLY URGES countries to create programs that:

- 15 a) allow refugees into their country;
16 b) develop a refugee housing program;
17 c) give refugees job opportunities;

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19 3) EXPECTS refugees to be afforded safe passage to countries that will accept
20 them;

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22 4) REQUESTS the United Nations to create a committee that allows:

- 23 a) countries to create programs for refugees;
24 b) creates safe routes for the refugees to travel;

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26 5) ACKNOWLEDGES that countries must protect their own national security;

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28 6) IMPLORES countries to take steps to investigate refugees in a very quick yet
29 thorough manner.
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Submitted To: Bolivia

Topic: The Safety of Journalist and the Issue of Impunity

Submitted By: 3rd Social

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1 **AWARE** that there were several reports in 2015 of politicized dismissals or resignations of
2 prominent journalists, apparently as consequences for critical reporting, and
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4 **COGNIZANT** of the fact that Bolivia's 2009 constitution protects freedom of speech and of the
5 press, and
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7 **CONCERNED** that Bolivia has no law guaranteeing access to public information therefore it is
8 neither allowed or denied in certain situations causing distress due to public media, and
9

10 **CONSCIOUS** that a transparency bill was passed in 2013 but was never signed into law, and
11

12 **HAVING REGARDED** representatives of the National Press Association (ANP) have noted
13 that the government hampers journalists' to information, and
14

15 **AWARE** that media organizations can face sanctions even if a remark is uttered by a source or
16 interviewee who does not represent the media organization;
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- 18 1. **REQUESTS** that member nations work to form a law that allows journalists to have
19 full safety and be able to complete their work tasks with being in danger;
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- 21 2. **CALLS UPON** peacekeeping organizations and special missions to make
22 international efforts to promote and protect human rights and the security of
23 journalists;
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- 25 3. **CONSIDERS** that member nations work to form a law or some sort of guidelines due
26 to this particular field of work and the protection of personal information;
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- 28 4. **RECOMMENDS** nations to revisit the transparency bill and revise it do to majority
29 liking and then go on to sign it into law;
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- 31 5. **REQUESTS** that member nations form an organization that spreads awareness about
32 journalistic jobs realize what their work has in store for them including possible
33 danger;
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- 35 6. **DRAWS ATTENTION TO** the idea of more legal logistics that explain the rules
36 and inner workings of medial interviews and/or when talking to an interviewer.



McKendree Invitational

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Subject: The Safety of Journalist and the Issue of Impunity

Sponsored By: China

Submitted To: Third Social

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1 AWARE that in 2018, 57 journalists were killed with 167 other journalist imprisoned
2 in the same time by nations around the world, and
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4 EMPHASIZING that journalists provide the general public with a full and clear view
5 of what is happening locally and globally, and
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8 GUIDED BY the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, that everyone is able to
9 seek, receive and impart information through any media regardless of frontiers and,
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11 NOTING WITH DEEP CONCERN that with total freedom and impunity has the
12 potential to be destructive to governments, and
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15 ALARMED BY attempts by some governments to support this destructive press can
16 limit the sovereignty of legitimate governments, and
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18 RECOGNIZING the dangers of press on legitimate governments;
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21 1) CALLS UPON the Third Social Committee to recognize the importance of
22 free press, and
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- 24 2) EXPRESSES ITS HOPE the committee supports sovereignty of legitimate
25 governments, and
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- 27 3) DRAWS THE ATTENTION to the other nations attempts to impede on
28 legitimate governments with the use of journalism, and
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- 30 4) TRUSTS that any actions taken by the committee will respect the sovereignty
31 of all legitimate nations, and
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- 33 5) EMPHASIZES that not all journalism is beneficial to the general public and
34 that all journalism must be critically reviewed.
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McKendree Invitational

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Subject: Safety of Journalists and Impunity

Sponsored By: Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

Submitted To: 3rd SCH

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1 Having reviewed the past 10 years, according to UNESCO, 800 journalists and media workers
2 have been killed, abducted, harassed, illegally arrested, and murdered by national militia and
3 police, while there are 60 journalists missing and 242 currently imprisoned, and

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5 Taking note that impunity inspires a right to violating the press resulting in censorship and
6 withholding information from society, which contradicts the United Nations' human rights goals
7 to develop peace, security, and sustainable development, and

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9 Referring to the information UNESCO received from Member States that the proportion of
10 cumulative cases which are reported as being judicially resolved was 5% in 2012, rising to 8%
11 in 2014 showing an increase but proving that impunity is still predominant, and

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13 Conscious of the low rate of response from Member States requested by UNESCO that remains
14 low, as displayed in August 2015 when only 24 out of 57 countries where killings of journalists
15 had taken place have not been resolved gave the requested information, and

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17 Taking into account the responses received in 2015 cover 46% of 641 unresolved cases for the
18 period 1 January 2006 up to 31 December 2014, which is an increase in the extent of
19 information as compared to the 22% for 2006-2013, but although there has been wider
20 coverage, there is still no information received on over half of the cases;

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22 1) Calls Upon UNESCO to not just request volunteered information of impunity cases from
23 nations, but to demand information from all nations whether or not they are facing issues
24 against journalist safety, all nations should be required to provide any and all information;
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26 2) Considers placing sanctions on nations whose military, police, or government personnel
27 murder a journalist and that the money gets paid to the company from which the
28 journalist worked for;
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30 3) Urges all nations to prohibit the imprisonment of journalists for anything less than
31 breaking their set of laws, and in cases with foreign journalists, they should have the
32 right to a lawyer from their home country;
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34 4) Declares trials on murder and assault against journalists be treated as equal to any
35 average person to show that those murder or assault cases are just as illegal and the
36 perpetrators are not above the law because of killing someone for exercising their
37 freedom of the press.



McKendree Invitational

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Subject: The Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity

Sponsored By: The Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Submitted To: Third Social

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1 Aware that every year journalists risk their lives foolishly attempting to capture headlines for
2 Western media, in which their stories are propagated to unwitting citizens, and
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4 Noting With Regret that some members of the media choose to break the law simply to tell a
5 story and occasionally come into harm as the result of their actions, and
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7 Deploring any institution that would choose to risk the lives of their staff in order to profit from
8 headlines derived from tragedy or war, and
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10 Recognizing that in 2017 a record 262 journalists were caught breaking the laws around the
11 world, a number that only will increase unless journalists understand they are world citizens
12 who must follow laws in all nations in which they work, and
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14 Concerned that if given impunity, journalists could commit illegal acts, including espionage
15 under the guise of journalism, potentially resulting in international chaos;
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17 1) Urges that any journalist caught committing an illegal act be held responsible, in order to
18 uphold the laws of all member nations and prevent potential international acts of espionage;
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20 2) Suggests that all member nations consolidate their informational media outlets into one
21 state run organization, with the purpose of keeping order among journalists and to prevent
22 profiteering from headlines;
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24 3) Recommends that journalists be made aware of the specific laws of any nation they
25 choose to visit for journalistic activities and cooperate with local authorities and rulings in
26 order to keep themselves safe from harm or detainment in foreign lands.
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McKendree Invitational

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Submitted To: 3rd Social

Topic: The Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity

Submitted By: Greece

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1 Mindful of the fact that nearly 700 journalists have been killed in Greece alone and nine out of ten
2 of the cases about journalists have gone unpunished, and

3 Conscious of the fact that impunity, which is the freedom from the consequences of a certain
4 action, far from democracy and the absence of responsibility towards the attacks targeted at
5 journalist, also

6 Realizing journalists are doing their jobs and are innocent causing no threat by simply having their
7 freedom to report for their country without causing any harm plus

Aware that open and free press is a big part to people's right to freedom of the press and they
should be allowed to express that right when reporting for their country around the globe and

- 1) Endorsing crime and investigation units, throughout the country of Greece, towards the cases crimes against journalists, developing stronger offices and commission, having more efficient and clearer protective measures, offering trainings and knowledge for protecting journalists, and
- 2) Recognizing other federal and government officials who support the issue of crimes and deaths targeted at journalists, training in states for officers to protect journalists from these crimes and
- 3) Endorsing funds and endorsements to ensure a safe environment for journalist and certainty that there's no harm or threat done without any concern or knowledge.



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MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Submitted To: 3rd SCH

Topic: The Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity

Submitted By: Guatemala

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1 Aware of the fact that journalists are often the targets of violence and harassment like receiving
2 threats when attempting to exercise his or her freedom of press, around 69% of journalist have
3 reported experiencing psychological violence while 46% have been threatened with force, and
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5 Expressing deep concern for the 1,836 journalists that were targeted for murder in the past 26
6 years, 1,322 of those with a confirmed motive, as well as the people responsible not being charged
7 due to the common issue of impunity, 43% of journalists have received intimidation by political
8 figures or groups in the past 3 years; however, many of those political figures aren't punished for
9 these actions, and
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11 Taking into account that not every country grants their people with the ability to speak their mind
12 which is often considered a privilege and not a right, and
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14 Recognizing organizations that try to decrease the amount of journalist killings, especially those
15 killed with impunity, in general studies have proven that journalists aren't very safe, and
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17 1. Reaffirms the dangers of journalism especially that of high risk or high-tension
18 areas in the form of warnings therefore;
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20 2. Draws attention to the hazard of being a journalist and his or her willingness to put
21 their life on the line to retrieve information;
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23 3. Stresses that journalists put it upon themselves to take caution when putting
24 themselves in that type of potential jeopardy;
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26 4. Emphasizes further the issue of political figures often being exempt from the
27 consequences of such as ordering a journalist to be killed;
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29 5. Commends countries with laws that regulate the charges against people of higher
30 power which limits the ability for impunity to take place;
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32 6. Encourages that the United Nations to investigate impunity cases in order
33 to identify failures in laws or the enforcement of such laws as well as worldwide solutions.



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Subject: The Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity

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1 EMPHASIZING the importance of the press' role throughout the world of fulfilling the
2 human right of being informed, and

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4 ALARMED by the recent acts within countries against members of the press attempting to
5 report on an array of topics, and

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7 DEEPLY DISTURBED by the lack of action taken against said governments and groups
8 within said countries, and

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10 EXPRESSING IT'S DISAPPOINTMENT in the majority of the world for the lack of
11 understanding and empathy towards these affected journalists, and

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13 RECOGNIZING the records of impunity against guilty parties of violence against press who
14 speak out against the government within Russia;

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16 1.) PROMOTES the punishment of any guilty party of any kind of violence or oppression
17 against the press;

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19 2.) URGES the United Nations to make this issue a priority;

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21 3.) STRONGLY SUGGESTS that member countries hold themselves accountable for
22 their
23 actions against any members of the press;

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25 4.) ENCOURAGES all member countries to make this a far more public issue so that the
26 people of the world know about this issue and what members of the press have to go
27 through in order to report on issues around the world.

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Subject: The Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity

Sponsored By: The Republic of the Sudan

Submitted To: 3rd Social

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1 Recognizing the Merriam-Webster definition of impunity as "exemption or freedom from
2 punishment, harm, or loss," and
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4 Having considered United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of
5 Impunity, which states that it has an aim to create a free and safe environment for journalists and
6 media workers, both in conflict and non-conflict situations, with a view to strengthening peace,
7 democracy and development worldwide, and
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9 Concerned that many member states' national sovereignty could be violated by allowing
10 journalists impunity, and
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12 Emphasizing a nation's right to both privacy and secrecy, and
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14 Noting with grave concern how rights are breached by freedom of press and freedom of
15 speech, and
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17 Taking into account how many nations imprison journalist for violating rights, making
18 unfounded accusations against many nations governments;
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20 1) Expresses the belief that the rights of journalist should be left to the discretion of the
21 governing body's of individual nations;
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23 2) Draws attention to many nations that do not have freedom of the press and freedom of
24 speech;
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26 3) Recommends that journalists regard and review the nations', laws regarding journalists
27 safety and impunity;
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29 4) Expresses the hope that all journalists remain safe by not infiltrating nations that do not
30 wish journalists and media to violate their right to privacy.
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