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## QUESTION OF: **PROTECTING REFUGEES AND HUMANITARIAN PERSONNEL FROM VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT AREAS.**

The General Assembly,

<u>Mindful</u> of risk factors for gender based violence against women and adolescent girls who express an increase sense of vulnerability and sexual violence as a tactic of war,

<u>Alarmed</u> by the number of deaths of humanitarian personnel due to lack of respect towards medical workers. Bearing in mind that facilities remain a major impediment to the provision of humanitarian aid for vulnerable refugees in conflict areas,

<u>Deeply Disturbed</u> by the presence of many different armed groups in several conflict areas, forcibly recruiting children into their armies,

<u>Fully Alarmed</u> by the notable continuing and widespread use of explosive weapons in densely populated urban areas, leading to casualties among refugees, consequently exacerbating conflicts,

<u>Deeply Concerned</u> that xenophobia is increasing against other ethnic groups, further affecting migrant children who are victims of isolation and discrimination,

Aware that locals had to flee their homes due to war and persecution,

<u>Deploring</u> that there is an increasing number of refugees resulting in an overpopulation,

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<u>Further Deploring</u> the scores of indiscriminate and disproportionate airstrikes killing thousands of refugees,

- 1. <u>Stresses</u> the importance of reinforcing camp security in order to ensure protection of refugees against abuse;
- 2. <u>Notifies</u> self-defence training sessions for humanitarian personnel as a method of protection;
- 3. <u>Demands</u> that legislations against the ill-treatment of humanitarian personnel are enforced and the law proceedings for trials against past atrocities committed, are fast tracked;
- 4. <u>Calls upon</u> the United Nations for the deployment of peacekeeping forces and assets to conflict;
- 5. <u>Supports</u> political declarations by states to recognize the humanitarian impact of the use of indiscriminate weapons;
- 6. <u>Demands</u> that parties to conflict respect their commitments on child protection such as the 2018 July resolution related to children recruited into armed groups;
- 7. <u>Urges</u> the government to create new operational policies and procedures that limit the use of explosives;
- 8. <u>Stresses</u> that many armed groups and nations purposefully targeting refugees, should be sanctioned for such crimes;
- 9. <u>Proclaims</u> that supports towards protection measures including resettlement, while encouraging local options (safe houses, local support groups, family counselling) should be continued;

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10. Recommends the expansion of refugees camps and help from neighbouring countries to host the refugees;

11. <u>Requests</u> the United Nations High Commission of Refugees to adopt legislations to prevent the export of weapons to buyers who do not respect the Geneva convention.