

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS MODEL UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2016
DRAFT RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT**

1 **The General Assembly of the United Nations**

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3 Recalling that Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations allows for action to be taken with
4 respects to threats to peace, breaches of the peace, and acts of aggression.

5 Recognising that the Security Council has jurisdiction to determine and take measures on such threats to
6 peace, breaches of the peace, and acts of aggression; including the interruption of economic relations,
7 communications, diplomatic relations and military action.

8 Noting that war in the twenty first century is typically civil in nature, although frequently with support
9 from hostile external forces and terrorist organisations.

10 Recognising the current and past efforts of international organisations such as NATO and the AU
11 towards resolving conflicts in areas such as Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia.

12 Affirming that the United Nations has a moral obligation to intervene in international conflicts in order
13 to achieve peaceful resolution.

14 Recognising the many successes of the United Nations in bringing about peaceful resolution of
15 international and intranational conflicts both through negotiation and through the intervention of United
16 Nations peacekeeping forces.

17 Acknowledging past failures of the United Nations to protect civilians due to lack of a suitable
18 mandate.

19 Noting with approval the work of the Carter Center's Conflict Resolution Program in the field of
20 conflict resolution through mediation.

21 Acknowledging the importance of the International Criminal Court in prosecuting for war crimes.

22 Noting the publication in the UK of the Report of the Iraq Inquiry.

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24 **Be it hereby resolved that the General Assembly**

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26 Recommends that Article 39 of the United Nations Charter be rewritten to read: *'The Security Council*
27 *shall determine the existence of any threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression and*
28 *shall make recommendations, or decide what measures shall be taken in accordance with Articles 41*
29 *and 42, to maintain or restore international peace and security. **The General Assembly reserves the***
30 ***right to veto measures on a two thirds majority.** [proposed addition in bold]*

31 Affirms that armed intervention in a conflict between member states by a United Nations peacekeeping
32 force should only be used as a last resort when all efforts at peaceful mediation have failed and there is
33 an imminent threat to civilian lives,

34 Calls upon all parties involved in armed international conflict to allow free access to all areas to aid
35 workers, the ICRC/ Red Crescent and journalists,

36 Calls for the establishment of a United Nations standing army,

37 Calls upon all Member States to join the coalition against the self-styled Islamic State,

38 Calls upon all Member States to affirm and support the territorial integrity of Ukraine,

39 Calls upon Russia to honour the terms of the 1994 Budapest Memorandum and to ensure the territorial
40 integrity or political independence of Ukraine,

41 Calls upon the General Assembly to set up a committee to investigate the 2003 invasion of Iraq by the
42 USA, UK and others as a breach of the UN charter and to encourage the International Criminal Court to
43 investigate individuals for war crimes.