

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY VENEZUELA

Co-sponsored by: Iran, Jordon, Italy

Concerning: a reform in the voting system and the expansion of the UN Security Council.

The General Assembly,

Regretting the biased and unequal voting and decision making process in the UN Security Council due to the Veto right;

Regretting the obstacles created by the abusive use of the Veto right that hamper attempts to resolve conflicts;

Emphasizing the inadequate representation of all member states and regions in the UN Security Council;

Acknowledging previous attempts to reform the UN Security council and/or abolish the Veto right of the five permanent members of the Council by Egypt, Chile, Mexico and New Zealand;

Noting With Regret the disregard of the Secretary General's proposed reform of the UN Security Council that included an increase in number of seats in December 2004;

Recognizing that the permanent members are the top financial and troop contributors to the UN Security Council.

INVITES all countries to support this reform and for the UN to adopt the following;

DECIDES

- 1) An increase in number of two-year non-renewable seats in the UN Security Council (consult table below) to include more countries to adequately represent and include the views and opinions of all regions in the decision making of the Security Council.
- 2) The abolition of Veto right and the adoption of fifteen votes for each of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council in acknowledgement of their financial contribution and in protection of their interests; making their votes favoured but not absolute.
- 3) Allowing the Secretary General five votes to give his neutral and unbiased opinion on issues discussed.
- 4) Adoption of a democratic voting system where decisions are made by majority votes.

Regions	Number of General Assembly seats	Permanent seats*	Proposed two-year non-renewable seats	Total Security Council seats
Africa	53	0	10**	10
Americas	56	1	9	10
Asia and Pacific	56	1	9***	10
Europe	47	3	7	10
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* No changes to current permanent seats

** Must include a minimum of one Arab member

*** Must include a minimum of two Arab members

Total number of votes: 115