

**Forum:** Human Rights Committee (HRC)

**Question of:** Counteracting the Violation of Human Rights by Law Enforcement Agencies

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- 1 The Human Rights Council,
- 2 *Deeply concerned* about the weapons used by branches of law enforcement, as they
- 3 are too dangerous and life-threatening for a citizen,
- 4 *Believing* that the UN will evaluate all proposed resolutions, consider the previously
- 5 proposed resolutions and implement important clauses or open a vote,
- 6 *Affirming* that states can act based on the Human Rights Situation in their countries,
- 7 *Expressing* its appreciation for the actions of many countries against the issue,
- 8 *Acknowledging* the human rights violations of citizens by law enforcement agencies
- 9 and law enforcement officials in several nations,
- 10 *Confident* that members of the UN, especially of the UNHRC, wish to cooperate on
- 11 human rights,
- 12 *Strongly condemns* any sort of torture and other cruel inhuman or degrading
- 13 treatment or punishment,
  
- 14 1. **Strongly urges** all UN member states to base all international cooperation on
- 15 human rights on principles such as but not limited to:
  - 16 a. objectivity,
  - 17 b. non-interference,
  - 18 c. non-selectivity,
  - 19 d. genuine dialogue,
  - 20 e. self-determination;
- 21 2. **Trusts** the UN to maintain:
  - 22 a. respect in its investigations,
  - 23 b. sensibility for special circumstances within nations,
  - 24 c. objectivity;

- 25 3. **Calls upon** member states to consider their internal and external stance on  
26 systemic police brutality and thereby highlight and prioritize the police brutality  
27 is against international humanitarian law;
- 28 4. **Declares** the importance of preventing dismissal of cases of citizens suing law  
29 enforcement for excessive use of force or violent acts, but keeping in mind,  
30 that generally the use of force is allowed, by,
- 31 a. educating police on legality, laws, and regulations,  
32 b. preventing the usage of “qualified immunity” as an excuse for the  
33 dismissal of cases;
- 34 5. **Recommends** raising awareness on the topic of systematic police brutality  
35 with its possible economic and social impacts on society to ensure that people  
36 are aware of the actions as a means of subjugation such as but not limited to,
- 37 a. regular information sessions to anyone that would like to attend,  
38 b. making information accessible through social media or official  
39 government;
- 40 6. **Calls upon** member states to change some aspects of the 'use of force' laws  
41 such as but not limited to:
- 42 a. rather than allowing officers to choke or strangle civilians, using less-  
43 lethal force for defusing,  
44 b. requiring officers to exhaust all other reasonable means before  
45 resorting to deadly force,  
46 c. banning officers from shooting at moving vehicles, which is regarded as  
47 a particularly dangerous and ineffective tactic,  
48 d. requiring officers to de-escalate situations, where possible, by
- 49 i communicating with subjects,  
50 ii maintaining distance,  
51 iii otherwise eliminating the need to use force;
- 52 7. **Requests** that trust should continue to be placed in the state organs of those  
53 states which are committed to Human Rights but wishes to remain actively  
54 seized on the matter;
- 55 8. **Urges** governments of all member states to supervise their police forces and  
56 suspend them for a certain amount of time, should they violate their  
57 regulations and laws,
- 58 a. This helps them to work more diligently and politely, and if sanctions  
59 are imposed for any wrongdoing, the trust of the civilians can also be  
60 gained,

- 61                   b. If the penalties are applied, it will create a discipline among the law  
62                   enforcement officers and cause all of them to act within these rules,
- 63                   c. Government can also look if there is any bruise or damage in suspect  
64                   or civilian;
- 65           **9. Solemnly affirms** that in the academy or training session future police forces  
66           should not only be judged based on being physically strong or capable  
67           enough but also on being police and treating everyone equally in order to  
68           highly decrease the ratio of violence;
- 69           **10. Invites** all nations, nongovernmental organizations and other foundations to  
70           sign an agreement that has international validity and will be followed by the  
71           UN for its reliability:
- 72                   a. To make this violation not innocent and using gun or nightstick, fighting  
73                   shouldn't be necessary as long as there is no threat from the other side,
- 74                   b. The agreement will also be a peaceful tool to civilians as well as law  
75                   enforcement, planning to minimize the risk of error involving heavy  
76                   clauses,
- 77                   c. Signatory countries agree to incorporate all aforementioned practices  
78                   as non-binding guidelines into the signed agreement;
- 79           **11. Requests** all other nations to take a look at what has been done in the past, to  
80           work under the UN and to come up with solutions as well as signing and  
81           agreeing to other solutions that can solve or will speed up solving this  
82           problem.