**Resolution** 1.1

**UNSC:** The Situation in the Great Lakes Region (Africa)

**Co-Sponsors:** United States of America, Russian Federation, Republic of France, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Peru, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Federal Republic of Germany, Kingdom of Belgium, People’s Republic of China, Republic of Cote d’Iviore, Dominican Republic, Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Republic of Poland, Republic of South Africa, State of Kuwait

**Topic:**

Affirming the need for the UN to facilitate the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region,

Concerned about the smuggling of illicit drugs, and weapons into the countries of the Great Lakes Region,

Taking into account the ineffective results of past and present peacekeeping missions in the Great Lakes Region,

Convinced that stronger borders will improve security and the quality of life in the Great Lakes Region,

Noting with deep concern the amount of women and girls in the Great Lakes Region who have been attacked and taken advantage of,

Declaring the need for a conference with the member states from the United Nations Security Council and leaders in the Great Lakes Region,

Believing that education on significant issues occuring in the Great Lakes Region for its citizens is vital in creating change,

Alarmed by violence against civilians and those oppressed by society,

Fully aware of the harsh labor conditions that plague the nations in the Great Lakes Region,

Alarmed by the increasing poverty rate in the Great Lakes Region,

1. Emphasizes the significance of the following issues: border security, human rights, education, and economy;
2. Requests aid for the reorganization of the current peacekeeping missions in the Great Lakes region of Africa;
3. Encourages the participation of the following Third Party Actors:
   1. Doctors Without Borders
   2. Human Rights Watch;
4. Recommends the nations within the Great Lakes region to increase the thorough inspection of vehicles crossing international borders;
5. Requests aid from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to suggest laws strictly prohibiting recreational drug use and distribution.
6. Supports a meticulous authentication process for newly documented immigrants in the Great Lakes Region;
7. Draws attention to the necessity for legitimacy of government officials, elections, and day-to-day operations;
8. Expresses its hope for future collaboration between the United Nations and the Great Lakes Region of Africa;
9. Affirms that the participation of Human Rights Watch is going to be a key factor for the protection of human rights in the Great Lakes Region
   1. The Human Rights Watch will inform the UN which countries have violated the basic human rights of their citizens

1. The countries that have done so, would have sanctions imposed on the quantity of natural resources they import from other countries in order avoid repetition of these violations;

1. Calls upon the leaders of the Great Lakes Region to meet with United Nations Security Council member states to discuss how to improve the situation in the Great Lakes Region;
2. Further requests self-defense and empowerment programs for those targeted by the armed groups;
3. Suggests that countries in the Great Lakes Region partner with the UN to take immediate action to help prevent the illicit trade of weapons and drugs;
4. Recommends that countries in the Great Lakes Region work with Non-government organizations and TPAs to improve the harsh labor conditions for their citizens;
5. Calls upon the countries of the Great Lakes Region to implement or increase their minimum wage;
6. Emphasizes the need for international cooperation and support for the betterment of the Great Lakes Region.