

**‘FORUM:** Disarmament and International Security Committee(DISEC)

**THE QUESTION OF:** Cross Border Smuggling

**SUBMITTED BY:** The United States of America

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

*Recalling* all past efforts and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air (2000), UN Security Council Resolution 2195 (2014) and UN Security Council Presidential Statement on Transnational Organized Crime (2023)

*Defining* Cross-border smuggling as the clandestine and illicit movement of goods, people, or resources across international boundaries, typically bypassing legal customs, regulatory frameworks, and security measures.

*Recognises* this underground trade often involves the trafficking of contraband, such as drugs, weapons, counterfeit products, and human trafficking, and undermines national sovereignty, destabilizes economies, and fuels organized crime on a global scale.

1. **Calls for** the establishment for the United Nations Sub body on Enforcement (UNITE) as a specialized division under the UNODC comprised of representatives from member nations and experts in the area of cross-border smuggling, drugs, human rights, and any others deemed necessary, which would work in conjunction with the Security Council(UNSC), International Narcotics Control Board(INCB), United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), UN Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), International Maritime Organization (IMO) and any other relevant agencies and bodies to compile strategies and do research in and around the topic of cross border smuggling such as things like human, arms, counterfeit and wildlife smuggling, additionally their mandate shall oversee all clauses in this resolution and the following:
  - a. hosting a biannual conference in Geneva, Switzerland with the option for online attendance, within 12 months of the passing of this resolution, and every 6 months hence attended by all willing member nations, representatives from all relevant border and prevention of crime bodies to discuss improvements needed on this matter, the recent developments and an extensive report overseen by UNITE which will include but not limited to:
    - i. research into the dangers, uses, how they are exploited and ways to rehabilitate people to be presented at the conference, the DISEC Committee and UNITE within 12 months of passing this resolution
    - ii. recalling any major illegal smuggling events and problems since the previous conference and produce statistics and findings on these events to analyse the negatives and ways to improve, furthermore encouraging legislation, resources and any other relevant aid or punishment
    - iii. overseeing, designing and creating a 24-hour hotline overseen by UNITE for Member States, bodies or citizens to disclose suspicious transactions or violations of international law and export controls based in New York, USA, as headquarters, other smaller regional hubs will be placed in countries with leading expertise on the topic, dedication to make a more regulated world and to tackle areas with the greatest illegal\

- iv. smuggling activity effectively, whilst also adapting to the cultural and religious sensitivities in decided regions,
  - b. impose sanctions with referral and approval from the Security Council if member states are suspected or caught to be assisting the illegal cross-border smuggling groups or being counter productive on the topic in which it begins to affect other member nations' progress, furthermore, all of this will be strictly monitored by UNITE so no unfair sanctions are given by using standard procedure and more;
- 2. **Asks** member states to implement and strengthen border control systems and security protocols, especially in areas prone to cross border smuggling of many different types like human, arms, counterfeit and wildlife smuggling which will be found through the research report, to monitor and prevent the movement of dangerous items, goods and members affiliated with smuggling and illegal organisations to cross borders, while fully respecting Member States' sovereignty and domestic policies, by doing but not limited to:
  - a. constructing and strengthening infrastructure at borders to combat the vast movement of illegal contraband across the world with ways but not limited to:
    - i. New methods of soft infrastructure from conducted research by UNITE
    - ii. New methods of hard infrastructure from conducted research by UNITE
    - iii. Consider current methods such as increased military patrol, spikes, wires and more
  - b. train and educate officers by integrating it into an educational program drafted and executed by UNITE with other relevant bodies allowing those on the borders of member states to have better expertise with aims to strengthen checks of ID, belongings and eliminate inside corruption whilst to also better deal with complicated and difficult situations that may arise,
  - c. asks that member states adapt to new technologies such as drones, systems, AI-based tracking systems, real-time customs monitoring, blockchain-based tracking of goods, AI-driven pattern recognition for smuggling networks, and biometric security to detect trade paths and activities by developing a real-time, centralized database that is privatised using different identification methods like retina scanning that enables intelligence-sharing between law enforcement agencies worldwide, tracking smuggling pathways, emerging threats, and known criminal organizations, with consideration to cultural sensitivities, beliefs and any other problems that may arise;
- 3. **Further Asks** for the creation of a Dismantling And Neutralizing Initiative on illicit Economies & Logistics – Keeping Exports Lawful & Legitimate Yearly (DANIEL KELLY), under the supervision of UNITE to regulate, manage, control and track the sale and transportation of that are used in the production of human, arms, counterfeit and wildlife items usually used in smuggling that are smuggled transnationally which will be identified in the report to do but not limited to:
  - a. implement a standardized international classification system to identify, regulate and manage goods and resources based on their risk level for misuse in during their exportation and moving from country to country, which will assess its danger levels and will be done in a manor of classes ranging from class 1 to class 5, where class 1 is highly risky and dangerous chemicals and class 5 are less risky and less dangerous chemicals, whilst also taking into consideration to things like the quantity, quality and any history of the item when making this classification for easier distinction and to be managed by UNITE to help assist the integration of it into different cultures and member states,

- b. ask with referral to the Security Council to require mandatory reporting from chemical manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors regarding large or suspicious transactions involving substances frequently used in drug, arms and other equipment production with certain sensitive laws to be tailored to member nations how UNITE sees fit,
  - c. enhance cross-border cooperation and data-sharing mechanisms among national law enforcement agencies, customs authorities, and regulatory bodies to identify and prevent illegal chemical diversions on a national and transnational basis,
  - d. develop a centralized global registry to monitor the production, sale, and transportation of high-risk precursor chemicals, ensuring transparency across supply chains,
  - e. support developing nations with financial and technical assistance to strengthen their capacity for monitoring and regulating precursor chemicals effectively especially to LEDC's where such resources may be limited or not available;
- 4. **Calls Upon** all Member states to take concrete measures to tackle the financial transactions in illegal smuggling and trafficking by working in conjunction with UNITE, NGO's and any relevant bodies to the topic, including but not limited to:
  - a. provide incentives for those vulnerable to smuggling to pull them away before they are sucked in, by doing things such as but not limited to:
    - i. Short-term loans, where appropriate
    - ii. Increased jobseekers benefit
    - iii. Other forms of insensitive deemed necessary and approved by UNITE
  - b. encourage UNITE to make sure that people use these incentives for the right reason by making a comprehensive application process and putting forwards necessary punishments who don't follow the guidelines which will also be drafted and executed by UNITE,
  - c. urging stricter financial oversight by enforcing real-time transaction monitoring, asset freezing, and compliance with global anti-money laundering frameworks, expanding financial intelligence units to track illicit money flows, and increasing accountability on financial institutions complicit in laundering smuggling profits by using punishments like legal repercussions, fines, jail time or any reasonable punishment deemed by UNITE or any other legal body associated and overseeing such cases;
- 5. **Urges** the creation of a mass media campaign aimed at educating the public, to be drafted, created, managed and executed by UNITE, on the dangers of cross border smuggling, working with private social media companies through a public private partnership, to ensure that the awareness spread through means such as but not limited to:
  - a. the addition of smuggling and dangers education in school curriculum working with member nations to adjust the education to the specific needs of the member states, educating the youth on the dangers of smuggling and the items that are smuggled in general on them as well as the dangers of being involved with these related activities,
  - b. using social media platforms, news outlets, and other forms of media and information spreading to provide monitored and audited information on the subject of smuggling whilst also making it more localised for member nations to create their own initiatives, to ensure that fear mongering is not created through the spreading of information by discussing with experts on psychology experts, experts on criminology and any other relevant stakeholder that will contribute,

- c. further promotion of the use of the necessary and official reporting mechanisms and networks developed by government institutions, this will include awareness about the need to report suspicious activity related to transnational smuggling, especially in financial institutions and where such reporting mechanism can be found,
6. **Further calls for** the establishment of a Maritime Enforcement Security and Smuggling Initiative (MESSI) under the supervision of UNITE, for member states to join with their consent and with major consideration to a nation's sovereignty upon joining while also working in collaboration with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), , the World Customs Organization (WCO), and regional maritime security bodies, with a mandate to:
- a. enhance maritime surveillance and intelligence-sharing by developing an integrated real-time intelligence network that enables direct coordination between naval forces, coast guards, customs authorities, and law enforcement agencies, facilitating rapid detection and response to illicit activities through secure data exchange platforms and AI-powered predictive analytics,
  - b. deploy advanced monitoring technologies, with consent and willingness from member states, including AI-driven vessel tracking, long-range radar systems, infrared satellite reconnaissance, unmanned aerial vehicles (drones), and autonomous maritime surveillance systems, to identify, track, and intercept vessels engaging in suspicious activities, with a particular focus on unregulated maritime corridors and known smuggling hotspots to be used responsibly and with extreme caution,
  - c. encourage stricter regulations on unregistered vessels, fraudulent ship registries, and Flags of Convenience (FoC) by creating an international vessel registration verification system, mandating automatic identification system (AIS) usage, and establishing a global blacklist for vessels involved in smuggling, with penalties including seizure, denial of port entry, and financial sanctions on complicit shipping companies,
  - d. establish a new centralized global maritime database to monitor vessel movements, identify smuggling trends, and track individuals and organizations linked to illicit maritime activities, integrating AI-based behavioral analysis tools to flag high-risk shipments and suspicious maritime routes for investigation,
  - e. Strengthen legal frameworks and impose harsher penalties to be decided by UNITE on entities engaged in maritime smuggling, including criminal prosecution, financial asset freezes, revocation of shipping licenses, and legal action against corporations facilitating smuggling operations, while enhancing extradition treaties and international cooperation mechanisms to ensure effective cross-border enforcement,
  - f. sending people with consent from member states in high-risk zones to assist in joint naval patrols, port inspections, intelligence operations, and rapid-response units to dismantle smuggling networks, with designated rapid-intervention teams capable of conducting real-time interdictions against suspect vessels in coordination with regional anti-smuggling authorities,
  - g. urges the adoption of digital shipping records and blockchain-secured trade documentation, ensuring complete transparency in maritime trade transactions, preventing cargo fraud, and enabling real-time verification of cargo origins, destinations, and ownership to eliminate the use of shell companies and fraudulent intermediaries in smuggling operations;
7. **Hopes** that the resolution will begin its implemented in three stage which will include the following by 2026 implement UNITE, DANIEL KELLY and MESSI will be fully

established, by 2028 initiatives and campaigns shall be established and employed globally with the cooperation of member nations, by 2031 the resolution will be fully implemented;