

RESOLUTION VIII – UKRAINE

THEME: CONFLICTS AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

BETRIFFT: MEASURES AGAINST POLITICAL HOSTAGE-TAKING

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Notes	that thousands of political hostages are held captive internationally
Is alarmed	that hostage-taking is still practised by UN member states as an instrument to achieve political goals
Refers	to the UN Resolution of the International Convention against the taking of hostages 34/146 of 17 December 1979 and Article 3 of the UN Human Rights Charter, which grants the right to life, freedom and security
Is concerned	about the respect of the human rights of prisoners
Condemns	that the prisoners are tortured and locked away under inhumane conditions, often without a fair trial and insufficient evidence
Emphasizes	particularly the Ukrainian hostages detained in Russia who interceded against the annexation of Crimea by Russia
Informs	that the Ukrainian national Wolodymyr Baluch is being imprisoned in Russia because he hoisted the Ukrainian flag above his house in Crimea and was accused of alleged illegal ammunition storage
Appeals	to the democratically elected government of the UN member states to release their political hostages
Calls for	increased sanctions against states which violate the right to political freedom of hostages
Obliges	all UN member states to release their political hostages
Decides	to establish an international committee, under the authority of the UN Human Rights Commission, to combat political hostage-taking, review suspicious court rulings, and, in the event of a hostage-taking, to advocate for the release of prisoners.

The German text is binding.