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Topic: "Educational Challenges Faced by Children in Armed Conflict Particularly in Refugee Camps or as IDPs"

The General Assembly, reminding all member states around the world that children dream of future possibilities, but in some areas, particularly in Syria, children know their dreams have been compromised because of the lack of education due to three years of ongoing conflict,

<u>Alarmed by</u> the fact that nearly three million children are out of schools as the result of the Syrian conflict,

<u>Greatly disturbed</u> that currently, in Syria, out of 2.5 million refugees, 1.2 million are children, <u>Deeply concerned</u> that 4,072 schools, or 18% of Syrian schools, have been destroyed or converted to shelters,

- 1. Proclaims that in addition to primary education, education in other skills should be provided, such as sewing, cooking, and farming;
- 2. Strongly requests that the Security Council sends Peacekeeping forces to secure refugee camp borders outside of Syria;
- 3. Strongly encourages that governments provide access into their country for NGOs, such as Free the Children, because those NGOs could help build schools and provide education in the language the children understand;
- 4. Requests reduced school fees so that children from all backgrounds can be provided with an education;

- 5. Takes into account that refugee camps could team up with the Heifer Foundation in order to get food and farming supplies;
- 6. Expresses its hope that there will be volunteer teachers that can speak the native language and can train other volunteers as teachers;
- 7. Emphasizes the need for girls to get a proper education as well as the boys;
- 8. Further encourages the building of water wells or rain purifiers in refugee camps and schools; and
- 9. Further invites all leftover, extra new, or used textbooks to be donated to schools as long as they're in the native language of the refugees.