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Resolution created by the Political Committee

Regarding: Intelligence Agencies and the Maintenance of International Peace and Security

Preambulatory

Acknowledging that espionage is a tool to gain intelligence on political, economic, and military systems of both foreign states as well as domestic functions, and

Aware that espionage is split into human and technical categories, and

Aware that human intelligence is information gathered by non-technical means; the use of actual people to gather intelligence, and

Acknowledging that technical espionage is intelligence gathering through the use of electronic and digital means, as well as forms of telecommunication, and

Having decided that intelligence agencies are defined as organizations within a state that gather and decipher information from other states and organizations, and

Recognizing that most states commit espionage through the use of intelligence agencies, and

Realizing the use of disinformation and misinformation may result in misconduct on a political and/or economic scale, and in such for self-defense, and

Having adopted espionage's definition as: the practice of spying and using spies to gather information about other states' or organizations' political, economic, and military systems, and

Declaring covert operations as: operations committed so that the state or organization carrying out these actions remains unknown, and

Actuating

Affirming that the purpose of espionage is to obtain confidential information through covert, observational, or cyberspace operations with the knowledge that it is an illegal act but can either improve or damage national security, and or intellectual property, and

Reaffirming that the primary purpose of intelligence agencies around the world is to provide security to their country, and

Discourages UN interference in acts of espionage and discourages the formation of a UN

body to regulate these acts, and

Encourages the sharing of information gathered by states if it can prevent global conflicts, but is at the discretion of each individual state, and

Affirms that the uses of espionage bolster political interests and security both globally and domestically, and

Recognizes the responsibility to protect should fall under the jurisdiction of each nation, and

Accepts that espionage has the capability of enhancing “soft power” by avoiding “hard power” actions, such as war or other physical aggression, and

Recognizes that information gathered through espionage may be used to fuel covert operations, and

Expresses its belief in the use of foreign espionage and covert operations if done for the interest of civilians under the Responsibility to Protect initiative, and

Recognizes the protection of individual state information as the jurisdiction of each state, not the United Nations, and

Strongly discourages the use of private sector espionage in the case of third world and developing nations.