

Resolution presented by the delegation of

The Republic of Angola

Theme Political and social rights

Concerns the reduction of statelessness worldwide

The General Assembly,

Flabbergasted that a minimum of 4.4 million individuals are currently known to be stateless worldwide, forasmuch as their state of invisibility implies an inaccuracy in the cited number, which is in fact undeniably much higher,

Aghast at the horrendous effects of a non-existent legal identity in an individual's life, such as the deprivation of citizenship and nationality, the dearth of access to education and healthcare, the vulnerability to organ trafficking and forced marriages, the inability to vote and the lack of other inalienable rights guaranteed in theory by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, but missing in reality,

Appalled that the leading cause of children's statelessness is due to countries such as Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Qatar and Saudi Arabia that have gender based parentage laws allowing only fathers to bestow their citizenship onto their children,

Outraged at the fact that no more than 78 countries out of a 198 agreed to sign the non-compulsory 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, which would have abolished gender based parentage and discriminatory laws on a larger international scale, had more nations consented to take part in it,

Reminding that the aforementioned negligence concerning the plight of individuals living in statelessness violates the Articles 2 and 15 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Decides to establish that any human being deprived of a legal identity from their motherland, who succeeds in immigrating to another nation seeking the basic rights they were denied of, should be entitled to the nationality of their host country, as well as to all the privileges and immunities guaranteed to a formal citizen;

- to ensure that women are able to take the necessary administrative steps to guarantee their children's acquisition of citizenship, so that no mother is denied the possibility of giving a legal identity to their newborns.

*The English text is binding*