FORUM: THE SPECIAL CONFERENCE

TOPIC: Measures to Combat the Rise of anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) hate crimes during the coronavirus pandemic (Issue 1)

MAIN SUBMITTER: The Kingdom of Norway

CO-SUBMITTERS: Ireland, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, Morocco, Nepal, UAE, Somalia, Thailand

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*Aware* of the research published by the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino stating that there has been a 169% increase in hate crimes against Asians,

*Deeply concerned* with the sudden rise of Anti-Asian and Pacific Islander hate crimes throughout the late year,

*Referring to* hate crimes as prejudice-motivated crimes which occur when a perpetrator targets a victim because of their race or social group they belong or are presumed to belong to,

*Expressing* its appreciation to the nations which have already taken measures to stop this rise,

*Reaffirming* the United States government attempts to combat Asian hate crimes through the introduction of the Anti-Asian Hate Crimes Bill, aiming to raise awareness about the newfound issue,

*Emphasizes* efforts made by non-profit organizations: Stop Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Hate, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Asian Law Caucus, and the Asian American Advocacy Funds efforts in combating Asian hate crimes during the coronavirus pandemic,

*Keeping in mind* the exceptionally delicate situation we are all in due to the coronavirus pandemic,

*Guided by* the Universal Declaration of the Human Rights, giving special attention to the second article stating that everyone is entitled to all rights without distinction between race, genre, or social origin,

*Realizing* that racism is a long-lasting problem deeply embedded in our societies,

*Recognizing* that incidents of Asian hate crimes are not common in all member states of the United Nations, however, may arise due to the present population of Asians worldwide,

*Condemning* all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to the coronavirus as well as racism in general,

1. Requests the enforcement of strict anti-racism laws in all nations that do not already have one to punish crimes (such as verbal and physical aggressions or discrimination of any kind racism-originated) and protect all civilians, which would adequately punish cases of xenophobia by:
   1. Large fines,
   2. Public apologies addressed to those affected,
   3. Incarceration in cases of aggression,
   4. Court mandated racism sensibilization courses;
2. Encourages governments of all countries affected by Anti-Asian and Pacific Islanders hate crimes, to expose the general population to educational broadcasting concerning the behavior of the coronavirus virus through the use of:
   1. Public government broadcasts, to reach a wide variety and great number of the population when making educational announcements,
   2. News outlets, in order to destigmatize the Asian race in regards to the methods of spreading the virus,
   3. Racial representation in public figures to help normalizing racial diversity within the population,
   4. Articles published by the World Health Organization (and other credible health organizations), including but not limited to:
      1. A detailed description of the coronavirus, and the methods of transmitting it to others, in order to dispel rumours and remove the blame from any specific group of people,
      2. This will provide a stable and reliable source that can be used as an objective and indisputable source of information, which will:
         1. Prevent or at least decrease the spread of misinformation,
         2. Remove the global blame from Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders for the pandemic,
         3. Hopefully prevent such generalizations from recurring in the future;
3. Urges the World Health Organization to investigate a detailed description of the origin of the coronavirus, in order to:
   1. dispel rumors and remove the blame from any specific group of people,
   2. Provide a stable and reliable source that can be used as an objective and indisputable source of information, which will:
      1. Prevent or at least decrease the spread of misinformation,
      2. Remove the global blame from Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders for the pandemic,
      3. Hopefully prevent such generalizations from recurring in the future;
4. Further invites countries to impart racial sensibilization courses to their population through:
   1. information to the general public,
   2. educate children from a young age about equality between all by, but not limited to:
      1. Implementing courses in schools with human rights experts,
      2. Providing workshops in schools regarding race and racism,
      3. Talking about the importance of human equality and human rights,
      4. Increase racial diversity in schools;
5. Considers designating more funds to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to help it continue its task to fight against racism in general, including Anti-Asian hate crimes;
6. Calls upon governments to distribute law enforcement workers to specified areas in which Asians and or Pacific Islanders are a minority of the population in order to:
   1. Minimize the cases of hate crimes in areas where Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are vulnerable to xenophobic hate crimes by those of other nationalities,
   2. Effectively be able to provide consequences to those who violate the law through the use of hate crimes by the constant monitorization of possible unlawful activities of the executors of hate crimes towards Asian American and Pacific Islanders;
7. Emphasizes the urgent need of educating police officers about the coronavirus’s behavior in order to:
   1. Avoid conflicts concerning law enforcement being misinformed about the way the coronavirus works and spreads to prevent police from being dishonest about situations of Asian hate due to their personal bias,
   2. Allow police officers to provide relevant and accurate information to those who perform hate crimes to aid in preventing the spread of misinformation to further communities in order to combat the belief that someone of Asian descent is automatically related to the start of the coronavirus pandemic due to having the first cases in their area of origin;
8. Requests for government-run programs that aim to aid Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) who have been affected by hate crimes relevant to the coronavirus pandemic to:
   1. Aid in the physical recovery of the innocent citizens,
   2. Allow them to psychologically recover in order to provide information concerning those who performed the hate crimes,
   3. Provide further information allowing AAPI to avoid situations of hate crimes again consisting of:
      1. Methods of protection,
      2. Areas to avoid,
      3. Spreading of true information that may allow them to change people’s perspectives;
9. Supports the enforcement of gun control laws during the times of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders hate by enforcing mandatory background checks for offenses that were classified to have been racially motivated to prevent new weaponry from getting in the hands of people who are known to have a history of hate crimes;
10. Decides to remain seized upon this matter.