Main Submitter: United States of America.

Signatories: Argelia, Bahrain, Arabic Republic of Egypt, Serbia, Syria, Greece, Belarus, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Colombia, WHO, Canada, Vietnam, Finland, Samoa , Germany, Somalia, Chile, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Ukraine, France, Venezuela, Qatar.

Topic: Expanding regulations to mitigate the unsupervised resurgence of private military and security companies.

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that international human rights law apply to PMSCs, and that States remain responsible for the conduct of the companies they contract, license or host,

Recalling the Montreux Document(2008), the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers (2010), Human Rights Council resolutions 15/26 (2010) and 36/11 (2017),

Deeply concerned by violations of international humanitarian law and human rights abuses committed by PMSCs in Africa, Europe and the Middle East, and by the lack of accountability for them,

Alarmed by predatory recruitment practices that target vulnerable people in conflict-affected and low-income countries and that may lead to trafficking,

Noting with concern the practice of paying for PMSC services with natural resource concessions, which gives financial incentives rather than civilian protection,

Aware of the expansion of PMSCs into intelligence, surveillance, cybersecurity, disinformation and artificial intelligence,

Recognizing that States, the United Nations and humanitarian organisations may utilize private security services when properly regulated,

1. *Encourages* the employment of licenced PMSC for minor jobs such as but not limited to:
    a. Domestic security and crowd control,
    b. Reliving pressures off national police forces by securing:
        i. commercial structures,
        ii. Public infrastructure,
        iii. Private buildings or establishments ,
    c. Specialised defence and training
2. *Calls upon* home States to establish national licensing regimes for PMSCs that:
    a. Cover every category of service, including armed security, training, logistics, interrogation, intelligence, surveillance, cybersecurity and artificial intelligence services,

    b. Require thorough vetting of owners and personnel,
    c. Require prior government authorisation for services provided in or near armed conflict,
    d. Allow suspension of licences after violations;

3. *Calls upon* States to establish penalties over violations of international human rights committed by PMSCs, based on nationality, incorporation or territory, and ensure that no contract gives immunity from prosecution;

4. *Calls upon* Member States to establish accessible and independent complaints mechanisms for victims of PMSC abuses, protect victims and witnesses from threats or punishment for reporting abuses, and ensure access to justice and compensation where appropriate;

5. *Requests* contracting States to include in every PMSC contract:

    a. Clear rules on the use of force and the prohibition of torture and trafficking,

    b. Mandatory training of personnel in international human rights,

    c. Independent monitoring of performance,

    d. Termination of the contract upon credible evidence of serious violations;

6. *Condemns* coercive recruitment of personnel by PMSCs, and urges States to criminalise it consistently in order to regulate recruitment agencies, and to ensure fair pay for recruited workers;

7. *Calls for* the public disclosure of any arrangement that pays PMSCs with natural resources, and discourages such arrangements;

8. *Calls upon* Member States to publish annual transparency reports, listing:

    a. All PMSC contracts, including their value, duration and the services provided,

    b. Incidents involving the use of force by PMSCs, including:

        i. The number and nature of the incidents,

        ii. Any resulting civilian harm

        iii. The outcome of any prosecutions that followed;

9. *Requests* Member States to provide, on request, technical assistance and training to States, especially low-income States, in drafting and enforcing PMSC legislation.