Committee: Political and Security Council

Sponsored By: Brazil

Subject: Equal Citizenship in India

- 1) <u>Drawing Attention</u> to the heightened discrimination towards Muslims in India and Kashmir.
- 1) Reaffirmes that India's parliament has passed the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) which treats all Muslim residents in India as illegal immigrants.
- 2) Reminding nations that despite having lived in India for decades, more than 2 million Muslims were not on India's National Register of Citizens (NRC) and therefore are considered stowaways from Bangladesh.
- 3) Alarmed that Prime Minister of India, Modi and his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) have created massive detention camps for these so-called illegal Muslims.
- 4) <u>Stresses</u> that Muslim civilians are tormented by both officials and supporters of the BJP, with hate crimes spiking in popularity.
- 5) Emphasizing India's fast move towards a largely Hindu nationalist state.
- 6) Making note to all nations that:
 - a) This persecution towards Muslims in India deliberately go against the by-laws of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom.
 - b) Prime Minister Modi is turning against the very idea of democracy that was established when India became an independent state in 1947.
 - c) Many residents not on the NRC plan to file an appeal to the Foreigner's Tribunal.
- 7) Calls Upon the Political and Security Council to:
 - a) Acknowledge that India is unfairly targeting the Muslim population in both India and Kashmir.
 - b) Alter the CAB so that it may take into consideration the many Muslims in rural areas that have never had official documents or birth certificates.
 - c) Help to encourage religious freedom in India.
 - d) Disassemble the legislative framework that is pushing discrimination.
 - e) Enact that the freedom to choose any religious affiliation is a human right therefore should not affect the status of one's citizenship.