

## **Resolution in Support of Conflict Free Minerals**

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) recognizes the role of conflict minerals - gold, tin, tantalum, and tungsten - in the humanitarian crisis taking place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been exploited by companies for its vast natural resources and “profit from the mineral trade is one of the main motives for armed groups on all sides of the conflict in eastern Congo - the deadliest since World War II” that has employed tactics such as mass rape and child soldiering; and (1)

WHEREAS, “In 2010, President Obama signed the Dodd-Frank Consumer Protection Act into law. Section 1502 of that act addresses the international trade and use of Conflict Minerals”; and (2) (3)

WHEREAS, the United Nations has ranked the Democratic Republic of Congo as the least developed country in the world; and (4)

WHEREAS, the University of California, Los Angeles has a social responsibility for the welfare of its fellow global citizens; and

WHEREAS, the University of California, Los Angeles has sizeable investments in electronics companies that may source from the Democratic Republic of Congo; (5)

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) calls on electronics companies to source responsibly and to clean-up their supply chains in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and (5)

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls on the United States Government to support the economic growth of the region through promotion of sustainable and responsible investments; and (6)

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls on the administration of the University of California, Los Angeles to favor products that use verifiably conflict free minerals and companies that are actively investigating their supply chains and investing in the region.

(1) <http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org/content/conflict-minerals-and-us-policy-reform-0>

(2) <http://www.sourceintelligence.com/what-are-conflict-minerals>

(3)

[https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.banking.senate.gov%2Fpublic%2Ffiles%2F070110\\_Dodd\\_Frank\\_Wall\\_Street\\_Reform\\_comprehensive\\_summary\\_Final.pdf](https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.banking.senate.gov%2Fpublic%2Ffiles%2F070110_Dodd_Frank_Wall_Street_Reform_comprehensive_summary_Final.pdf)

(4) <http://hdr.undp.org/en/statistics/>

(5) <http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org/companyrankings>

(6) <http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org/blog/post/john-prendergast-testifies-congo-senate-foreign-relations-subcommittee-african-affairs>