

# **United Nations Humans Rights Council**

Hello delegates and welcome to the St. Bonaventure University Model UN conference!

and many of them have fled to neighboring countries, especially to Bangladesh. Violence in the form of rape, murder, and the destruction of property continues to force Rohingya people to flee Myanmar. The government of Myanmar has yet to properly acknowledge that such atrocities are occurring, and it still claims that the reports of this violence are simply exaggerated.

### *Guiding Questions*

1. Has your country made any statements or provided aid to help with this crisis?
2. What can be done to help both the Rohingya who remain in Myanmar and those who have fled to other locations?
3. Can the Rohingya refugees return to Myanmar without continued persecution?
4. Is it possible to work with the government of Myanmar to come to a resolution, or is the government responsible for these atrocities?
5. What is the role of UN? Has the UN acted properly? Has the Security Council intervened and carried out its responsibilities?
6. What are the positions of the great powers (countries such as the US, Russia, China, France, Germany, etc...)?
7. Does your country have any proposals to resolve the conflict?
8. What are the possible ways to resolve this conflict?

### *Research Sources*

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-38168917>

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=56103#.Wh3X9BTgfzI>

## **2. The Protection and Promotion of LGBTQ+ Rights:**

Despite previous actions taken by the United Nations, national governments, and advocacy organizations, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ+) communities around the world continue to suffer discrimination and violence because of their sexual orientation on a daily basis. The United Nations conceives of these violations as including but not limited to “killings, rape and physical attacks, torture, arbitrary detention, the denial of rights to assembly, expression and information, and discrimination in employment, health and education.” This committee is tasked with addressing these violations and with promoting the just treatment of these individuals in the international community.

### *Guiding Questions*

What policies and stances does your country hold regarding LGBTQ+ rights?

Has your country spoken out against violence towards the LGBTQ+ community?

Is there a long-term solution to this matter?

Does your country have specific proposals to deal with this issue?

What is the role of international organizations?

Does the UN have a role to play in this matter? How?

### *Research Sources*

<https://www.hrw.org/topic/lgbt-rights>

[THE STATE OF LGBT HUMAN RIGHTS WORLDWIDE /](#)

<http://hrlibrary.umn.edu/edumat/studyguides/sexualorientation.html>

### **3. Combatting Modern Forms of Slavery:**

[What is Modern Slavery?](#)

[Slavery Today?](#)

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/FactSheet14en.pdf>

[Modern forms of slavery](#)