

**Forum:** SPC 1

**Question Of:** Combatting disinformation and misinformation

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General Assembly,

*Alarmed by* the dangers of disinformation and misinformation,

*Dangerously aware* that disinformation is lethal and done on purpose to hurt others,

*Informed* of the dangers of misinformation and the issues due to it,

*Recalling* situations in which disinformation has ruined lives and *can* ruin lives,

*Remembering* situations in which misinformation has created extreme problems,

*Acknowledging* how long this problem has lasted and continues to exist,

*Implores* that certain—and more severe—measures are taken to stop this, such as:

1. **Suggests** that schools should take active measures to ensure that they use reliable and trustworthy sources when it comes to lesson topics and research, this should be done by:
  - a) Triple-checking facts lineup with other sources
  - b) Teaching students about the dangers of incorrect facts and data. This can be done by:
    - i) Workshops to teach children how to recognize fake news.
    - ii) Lessons that are specific to the topic;
  
2. **Requests** that the spread of fake news and misinformation should be stopped by fining or even banning any and all newspapers that spread news that isn't correct and factual, this includes (but is not limited to):
  - a) Tabloid newspapers
  - b) Fake articles
  - c) Videos, papers, websites, essays, podcasts, etc, etc, that promote incorrect or fake information;

**3.**

Urges all member states to have media teams distribute official information (that should be approved by the MUN) in order to prevent false news from spreading, this should be done by:

- a) Security teams tracking false rumors and news
- b) Public speeches are made regarding any changes to prevent information leaks;

**4.** Further recommends anyone spreading propaganda shall be duly punished in ways such as (but not limited to):

- a) Imprisonment for a certain amount of years
- b) A fine that must be paid in full;

**5.** Suggests the Internet has filters protecting people from receiving information that has been accidentally, purposefully, or otherwise planted.