

FP#02: Implement and Ratify the ***International Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries***

[Hugh Esco](#) [REDACTED], Fulton County, offers the following

A Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Georgia Green Party; to urge ratification of the “International Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries”; to implement the Convention with appropriate legislation; to prosecute as mercenaries US nationals who participate in the military or security forces of a foreign state which utilizes terrorism, war crimes, crimes against humanity, human rights abuses or genocide to advance their interests, irrespective of private gain; and for other purposes.

A Resolution of the
2024 Additional Nominating Convention
of the Georgia Green Party

Resolved, that the Platform of the Georgia Green Party is amended, by adding to the chapter on *Foreign Policy*, a new plank to read:

- #. Implement and Ratify the International Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries

Offered an opportunity to govern, the Georgia Greens would submit to the U.S. Senate, an opportunity to ratify the International Convention¹ Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries. We pledge to take steps to criminalize, fully prosecute and extradite those committing offenses as defined by the Convention. For purposes of US domestic law, we would expand the Convention’s definition of mercenary to include the participation by US citizens or residents with a foreign nation's military or security forces, even in the absence of a demonstration of private gain as a motivation, where those nations are deemed to be state sponsors of terrorism, or guilty of war crimes, crimes against humanity, human rights abuses or genocide. We would also work to include private military companies in the definition of mercenary. Acknowledging that the United Nations has recognized mercenaries as outlaws, a Green government will not risk the peace which may exist between nations by extending to mercenaries the diplomatic protection of the nation otherwise enjoyed by other US nationals traveling abroad on legitimate business.

¹***History:*** <https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&msgid=XVIII-6&chapter=1&clang=en>

Text: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/international-convention-against-recruitment-use-financing-and>

Revise the [Neutrality Act](#) (18 U.S.C. §960), the Passport Act (22 U.S.C §211), Foreign Relations Act (18 USC §959), Foreign Agents Registration Act (22 USC §611-621).