

**Committee: OHCHR**



Topic A: The sale and sexual exploitation of children

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**I. Introduction**

The United Nations Human Rights Council is an organization in the United Nations that was founded on March 15, 2006 by the General Assembly, this institution is made up of 47 state representatives which are changed every three years.

This organization is primarily responsible for the defense of human rights. It supports countries to fulfill obligations and help guarantee respect for human rights. The mission of this organization is to address human rights concerns, especially threats that would put life in danger and give consideration of civil, cultural, economic, political, and social rights.

Sale and sexual exploitation of children was addressed and systematized internationally with the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989, and it is still now being worked on.

**II. Body**

The sale and sexual exploitation of children is a worldwide problem, therefore it is important to learn about the problem before proposing solutions. Child exploitation exists throughout the world and it is seen differently according to cultures and traditions. For some cultures, it is a normal practice, while for most of the world it is a violation of human rights.

Sexual exploitation of children is forcing a minor to perform sexual activities. Exploitation has a similar meaning but could otherwise be defined as the activity of using children for money or personal convenience in a way that harms them physically or emotionally.

There are different types of sexual exploitation: rape, the production of sexual media, child prostitution, child trafficking, and child prostitution associated with tourism. Unfortunately, no child is exempt. There are even times when the child's family makes deals with criminals to sell them because of the lack of resources.

Statistics indicate that 1.8 million were exploited for prostitution and pornography, and 1.2 million were trafficked.

**III. Conclusion**

As a committee, we invite you to share your best solutions to advance in the fight against child exploitation, a fight that has taken a long time.

There are many solutions that can be implemented to put an end to this problem, here are some viable options:

- Awareness to prevent occurrences and alert local authorities.
- Monitor and control borders to prevent child trafficking.
- Create and implement laws to criminalize and condemn all kinds of child exploitation.
- Support the victims through programs that address rehabilitation, counseling, and even financial support to overcome trauma.

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