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Topic: Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Children

The General Assembly third committee, reminding all nations of the 58th anniversary of the convention of the rights of the child,

Noting with deep concern that around 17,000 children die every year before they reach the age of one year old and 26,000 die before they reach the age of five years old,

Fully alarmed that 58 million children are not in school, due to poverty, child labor, poor health and malnutrition,

Recognizing that more than half of all female sex workers started work before the age of 18,

Noting with deep concern that 168 million children are trapped in child labor,

Deeply disturbed that 112 million children are illiterate,

Taking into consideration that every year 2 million girls under 15 give birth to children,

Deeply concerned that nearly half of all deaths in children under the age of 15 are due to malnutrition, translating into about 3 million young lives per year,

Alarmed by the fact that 250, 000 children are involved in armed conflicts worldwide,

Operative

- 1. Encourages that member states provide workshops for parents that teach them how to care for their children and protect them from trafficking;
- 2. Suggests that the restriction of soldiers be under the age of 18;
- 3. Calls upon providing free text books for schools in rural areas;
- 4. Expresses its appreciation to all member states that enforce laws concerning children's well-being;
- 5. Calls upon member states to send peace keepers from the UN and other assistants for children to conflicting states;
- 6. Encourages governments to enforce and create laws about the protection of children's rights;
- 7. Further requests that schools remain a safe zone for all children;
- 8. Recommends member states to provide basic living supplies for children such as food and healthcare;
- 9. Expresses its hope that member states who are capable can open abuse hotlines so children can call if they are being abused in any way;
- 10. Suggests member states to create a law stating that the minimum age for work is 16 and the maximum working hours for ages 14-18 is 20 hours weekly;
- 11. Encourages donations to UNICEF via social media;
- 12. Encourages governments to provide accessible and good quality education for the entire population of their country;
- 13. Notes lowering the cost of tuition will raise school attendance;
- 14. Encourages sexual education for all schools;
- 15. Recommends governments to implement stronger laws against trafficking;
- 16. Urges schools to teach children about abuse;
- 17. Expresses its hope that all schools in member states do not use physical punishment because this will lead to children not wanting to attend school;
- 18. Suggests financial support that will be given to NGO's or the UN and dispatch an independent third party inspector to work facilities and avoid child laborers.