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“The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who just stare”

-Albert Einstein

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the Tecnológico de Monterrey, as well as the Organizing Committee, we welcome you to the XXXVII edition of our Model of United Nations of Campus Toluca, TOLMUN 2019.

Personally, we are proud to be part of the Secretary General in this edition of TOLMUN. During the months preceding this model we have worked hard to ensure that this experience doesn't become another one, another debate or another Model of United Nations, we want it to become the step that triggers actions with a greater impact.

For us this model represents the opportunity to solve global problems from our surroundings, learn about the different perspectives on the issues that will be discussed during these days and, of course, have the opportunity to generate viable solutions to urgent situations that affect today's society.

We deeply believe that as citizens of the world it is our responsibility to manage to solve the different challenges that today's society faces and that widen the gap between the different strata of the population worldwide day by day. It is also important to talk about those challenges that doesn't let each one of the inhabitants of this planet enjoy the same opportunities and rights. Regardless of their origin, sex, religious beliefs or any other difference, which through history have separated us, it is time for those differences to being recognized as something that makes us unique.

We know that it may be a great challenge being here today, participating; but we are convinced that this will be an experience that will bring out the best of you and leave enormous teachings. We are sure that you are capable to adapt and to develop the ability to take a different position from yours or one that you may not agree with; however, this is an exercise of empathy. It is of enormous importance because it brings us closer and encourages us to understand the situation in the different countries and cultures that live on the planet, for us to be able to understand that we live in the same world and have a shared responsibility.

We are aware that in this event, the leaders of tomorrow are being formed. We hope that the model will impulse you, because we are convinced you are the ones that will become true agents of change that nowadays the world and Mexico desperately need. Finally, we greatly appreciate your participation, you are the main actors of the event, enjoy it and take advantage of it to the fullest.

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LETTER TO DELEGATES

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."
Mahatma Gandhi

Dear delegate:

On behalf of the United Nations Children's Fund. We are pleased to welcome you to TOLMUN 2019.

It is an honor for us to have you participating with us in this committee, we expect that every delegate can develop their skills by practicing and studying; also want all of our delegates to have a different perspective by thinking about important topics that are happening in these days. The main purpose of UNICEF is to provide emergency food and health care to children.

The chair also knows about the great challenge that this model will be, that's why we want you to have the discipline and dedication since that is what this model requires. The most important thing that you must know is that you can have a different opinion by learning and watching all the different facts about modern conflict in the world.

We also want to thank you for your stay with us, remember that if you come here with your best attitude, then you will be concentrated and excited about what is going to happen in each section.

Finally we want you to enjoy this model, this model is going to be one of the greatest models of all time, also know that TOLMUN will help you to improve as a citizen.

Sincerely
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ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

UNICEF is the driving force that helps to build a world where the rights of every child are realized. The Agency has the global authority to influence decision-makers, and the variety of partners at the grassroots level to bring the most innovative ideas into reality. That makes UNICEF unique among world organizations, and unique among those working with the young.

We also believe that nurturing and caring for children are the cornerstones of human progress. UNICEF was created with this purpose in mind – to work with others and overcome the obstacles that poverty, violence, disease and discrimination place in a child's path. The agency believes that together, we can advance the cause of humanity advocates for measures to give children the best start in life because proper care at the youngest age forms the strongest foundation for a person's future.

UNICEF promotes girls' education – ensuring that they complete primary education as a minimum – as a result of its benefits to all children, both girls, and boys. Girls who are well educated grow up to become better thinkers, better citizens, and better parents to their own children. Acts so that all children are immunized against common childhood diseases, and are well-nourished, it is immoral for a child to suffer or die from a preventable illness.

Also, it works to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS among young people, it is appropriate to keep them away from harm and enable them to protect others. UNICEF helps children and families affected by HIV/AIDS to live their lives with dignity, it also involves everyone in creating protective environments for children. The agency is present to relieve suffering during emergencies, and wherever children are threatened as no child should be exposed to violence, abuse or exploitation.





TOPIC A:

Discrimination against minors due to sexual orientation or gender identity.

All children, despite their sexual orientation or gender identity, have the right to a safe and healthy childhood free from discrimination. The same principle is valid to all kids notwithstanding their parents' sexual orientation or gender identity.

Both, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights makes clear that human rights are universal, no person regardless of their age, should suffer abuse, discrimination, exploitation or violence of any kind for any reason, including on the basis of their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

Similarly, no individual should be denied any of their universal human rights, freedoms, and basic opportunities. In all regions of the world, children who are from the LGBT+ Community, often suffer discrimination, intimidation, harassment, and violence. Similar patterns of human rights abuses can be found against children whose parents are perceived to be LGBT+.

LGBT+ is an acronym that stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and more forms of sexual orientation that people may relate to. It should be noted that the LGBT+ label is sometimes considered limited, and is not always considered to cover the full spectrum of minority sexual orientations, gender identities and/or intersex status. For the purposes of this paper, UNICEF uses the acronym LGBT+ as shorthand for children or parents with primary or significant same-sex attraction and/or non-conforming gender identity and/or intersex status.

Too often, when real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity does not conform to social norms, vulnerabilities increase. This includes being exposed to discrimination at school, hospitals, sports teams, and in many other areas; to abandonment and rejection by family, community or society; to being forced to marry someone; to hate-motivated violence, including murder; and to increased health risks owing to the lack of access to appropriate education and health services.

Many cases of discrimination against children who have different sexual preferences have been reported across the world, many children are being excluded from social groups and are even getting kicked from home when they are known to be from the LGBT+ Community. There's a necessity to stop this problem in order to help all these kids and give them the place they deserve in society to be recognized as equals to us, because they are.

In its work, UNICEF is guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child and strives to establish children's rights as enduring ethical principles and international standards of behavior towards them. Our mandate also specifies our commitment to ensuring special protection for the most disadvantaged children.



Key Questions and References

- What has been its impact throughout history around the world?
- Which documents have allowed the improvement of the situation?
- Who have been the key characters for the solution of the conflict (from citizens to countries, companies and/or international organizations)?
- What have been the actions that have carried out for its resolution?
- What could be the consequences of not facing the problem?
- In which ways can these situations be avoided in the future?
- What is the current state of the problem?
- Which associations have improved the situation?
- What would be the best solution to eradicate this problem?
- What actions are taken to solve the problem?
- What international actors have done something to solve it?
- What impact does it have on the world?
- What percentage of the world's population is affected by this problem?

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Topic B: Arsenic Pollution in Public Water

UNICEF supports countries by providing clean drinking water for children as a fundamental right stipulated in Article 24 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

About 700,000 children under five die each year from diarrhea, mainly caused by human waste in drinking water. Its safety must address biological and environmental contaminants. Arsenic contamination naturally occurs in groundwater and presents a serious threat to public health. It has been found in at least 70 countries and could affect more than 140 million people, most of whom live in Asia.

The effects of arsenicosis (the result of ingesting too much arsenic) appear gradually, often over the years. Arsenic kills and cripples both children and adults by causing cancer, heart and lung disease, and stillbirths. It harms the futures of children through intellectual impairment. There is no medical cure; the solution to the threat of arsenicosis is directly preventing arsenic exposure.

UNICEF works with governments helping affected communities to find alternative safe water sources. Our support is based on five tenets: assisting government water safety planning; assisting governments in monitoring arsenic levels; marking wells that should not be used for drinking or cooking; finding low-cost alternative, safe water supplies; and helping change knowledge, attitudes and practices so that vulnerable populations can protect themselves. UNICEF's experience with supporting behavior change is thus a key asset.

Effective solutions require actions led by governments, based on solid knowledge of local conditions, and involving communities and partners across all sectors related to water supply and public health. In countries where millions are being exposed to toxic levels of arsenic, substantial national funding and government action are needed now to eliminate the threat.

Through appropriate mitigation actions, it should be possible to end further arsenic exposure in a given area, ensuring no additional people are poisoned. Such permanent solutions should be the objective.

Key Questions and References

- What has been its impact throughout the history of the world?
- Which countries are the most affected ones?
- Who have been the key characters for the solution of the conflict (from citizens to countries, companies and/or international organizations)?
- What have been the actions that have been carried out for its resolution?
- What could be the consequences of not facing the problem?
- In which ways can these situations be avoided?
- Why your delegation should be in this forum?
- What percentage of the sea is contaminated



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