



**Topic A: “Voices of Tomorrow”
Children Participation in Making-
Decision Processes**

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Welcoming letter

Dear Delegates,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the UNICEF Committee of this Model United Nations conference. We are very happy to have you here and to see your interest in discussing global issues that affect children and adolescents around the world.

This year, our committee will focus on the topic "Voices of Tomorrow: Promoting Child Participation in Decision-Making Processes." This topic invites delegates to reflect on the importance of listening to children, respecting their opinions, and creating safe spaces where they can actively participate in decisions that affect their lives, such as education, community development, and public policies.



We hope this experience will help you grow as a delegate, increase your awareness of global issues, and inspire you to become an agent of positive change in your community. We wish you a successful conference and look forward to your valuable contributions. Sincerely,

Mod. Perla Pérez

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I. Background of the Topic

The UN committee for children is UNICEF, it was created in 1946 with the goal of protecting child rights and to make the conditions of their life better in all the world. UNICEF works in more than 190 countries and territories, collaborating with governments, schools and civil organizations to make sure the access of education, health, protection and equality a fundamental factor is recognize that children and teens does not only need protection, also they need to have right to express their own opinion and to have participation in decisions that affect their life.

II. Introduction to the Topic

The participation of childhood in the process of taking decisions refers to the opportunity that children have to express their ideas, opinions and preoccupation about topics that have influence directly in their good. The participation can happen in a familiar, scholar, governmental or communal arounds. The topic “Voices of Tomorrow” highlight the importance of hearing about childhood, and values their points of view to build politics more fair, inclusiveness and that may work better.

III. Evolution of the Topic

For many years, children were considered only like persons that need care and protection, without the capacity to participate actively in society. This vision started to change in 1989 with the adoption of the Convention of Children Rights, which recognized the right of children to be heard. Since then, it has been created student councilparliaments and participation programs of childhood. But, the implication of this mechanism still not equal in different regions around the world

IV. Relevant Events

A. Panorama

At global level, the youth participation has been winning importance like a tool to make stronger the democracy and social development. UNICEF promotes participation safely, significantly, and inclusive, making sure that the opinions of children are taken into count and they make real changes. It gives special attention to the children who are vulnerable like the ones who live in poverty, conflicts or any disability.

B. Points of view

United States: One of the world's leading powers, with strong economic, military, and cultural influence. It has a high level of development but also faces internal social inequalities.

China

A major global economic power with one of the largest populations in the world. It has experienced rapid industrial and technological growth under strong state control.

India

The most populous country in the world and a key emerging power. It shows significant economic growth but still faces poverty and social inequality.

Russia

Known for its vast territory and military strength. It plays an important role in international politics but faces economic and political challenges.

Japon

A major technological and economic power with a very high standard of living. It is recognized for innovation, education, and public safety.

Brazil

The largest country in Latin America and an important regional power. It has vast natural resources but also significant social inequality.

France

A major European power with political, cultural, and military influence. It plays an important role in the European Union and global affairs.

Pakistan

A strategically important country in South Asia with military and geopolitical relevance. It faces challenges in economic development and social rights.

Afghanistan

A country affected by decades of conflict. It is currently facing a serious humanitarian and social crisis.

V. UN and External Actions

The UN, principally UNICEF, has impulsed different creative initiatives to promote youth participation. this ones include friendship schools with childhood, youth forums, scholarships and some digital platforms. Also, UNICEF works with Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's) and sometimes with governments and local communities that support this actions through educational programs, and safe spaces to participate.

VI. Conclusion

Child participation in decision-making is a fundamental right that plays an important role in building fairer, more inclusive, and democratic societies. When children and adolescents are given the opportunity to express their opinions, policies and decisions are better aligned with their real needs and experiences.

Creating safe and meaningful spaces for participation also helps children develop confidence, responsibility, and respect for others. With the support of governments, schools, and communities, child participation can lead to positive social change. UNICEF plays a key role in protecting children's rights and ensuring that the voices of tomorrow are heard today, contributing to a more just and sustainable future.

VII. Committee Focus

The committee focuses on making stronger mechanisms that can agree on youth participation safely. The delegates are going to be aware and conscientious about some questions:

- How can schools foment active participation in students?
- Which actions can make sure that the participation will be real and not symbolic?
- In which way can governments include the children's opinion in public politics?
- What roles can digital tools play in participation?

VIII. Participation List

- Canada
- Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- Federal Republic of Nigeria
- French Republic
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan
- Italian Republic
- Japan
- Kingdom of Spain
- Republic of Bangladesh
- Republic of Brazil
- Republic of Chile
- Republic of China
- Republic of Egypt
- Republic of Germany
- Republic of Ghana
- Republic of India

- Republic of Indonesia
- Republic of Kenya
- Republic of the Philippines
- Republic of Turkey
- Republic of Uganda
- Russia Federation
- United Kingdom
- United Mexican States
- United States of America

VIII. Key Terminology

- **Youth participation:** Actively involving of children and teenagers.
- **Children Rights:** International human rights and specially of children's.
- **NGOs:** Non governmental organizations that help in thiis case UNICEF.
- **Politics friendly with kids:** Norms and actions that considered the needs and opinions oof child.

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