Committee: UNICEF

Country: South Africa

Agenda Item: Assesing the Current Situation of Child Labour

South Africa is located at the southern of the African continent. The nation's economy is shaped by a mix of industries, with key sources of livelihood including mining, agriculture, manufacturing, and services. The country is working towards enhancing the accessibility and quality of education with ongoing efforts to reduce deficiencies in education. Health services are similar to education in development and the government is actively investing in health. South Africa acknowledges the pressing issue of child labour, a difficulty that hinders the development and well-being of nation's youth.

 South Africa faces persistent challenges related to child labour. Factors such as poverty, inadequate educational opportunities and economic inequalities contribute to the prevalence of child labour. South Africa is committed to addressing these root causes and making an effort to reduce them in order to provide children with a brighter future. South Africa has enacted legistation to combat child labour, including the Basic Conditions of Employment Act and the Child Act. However, implementation remains a challenge due to missing key drivers.

 South Africa is committed to expanding access to quality education. By investing in schools, South Africa aim to empower children with skills that contribute to their personal development and reduce their vulnerability to exploitative labour practices.

South Africa aims to put in place a robust policy aimed at assessing and addressing the current situation of child labour within its borders. The country is implementing a multi-pronged approach combining legislative measures, education initiatives and community engagement to comprehensively understand and combat the complex factors contributing to child labour. South Africa is committed to regularly monitoring and assessing the prevalence of child labour through data collection and data analysis, which allows for informed policy adjustments. South Africa underscores the importance of continuous assessment as a fundamental step towards creating a society where every child is protected and has the opportunity to grow up free from exploitation.

 By taking these steps, South Africa government believes it can safeguard the rights and well-being of the children and contribute to the global effort to eradicate child labour.