

COUNTRY: New Zealand

FORUM: Social, Humanitarian, Cultural Committee (SOCHUM)

QUESTION OF: Seeking Solutions for human rights violations derived from ethnic divides.

Race is related to the nation you belong to and national identity. Ethnicity is part of a certain nationality and national identity. Ethnicity; It refers to communities formed due to reasons such as skin color, geographical origin, lineage, national identity. Ethnicity is the identity structure of a social group. Racial or ethnic discrimination is discrimination against a person in a similar situation because of their race, colour, ethnic origin, immigration status or nationality. The roots of racism date back to ancient times and have been strengthened by factors such as colonialism, the slave trade, and race-based discrimination. Today, it still has an effect on even the simplest things. For example, sharing derogatory content about an ethnicity online, including on social media, video sharing sites and blogs. Racist and ethnic origin in newspapers, magazines and other media publish derogatory remarks. Insulting an ethnicity at rallies and public meetings. Using offensive language towards a race or ethnicity in public areas such as shops, workplaces, parks, public transportation or schools. Using derogatory statements about the racial or ethnic origin of athletes, spectators, coaches or officials at sports meetings. There have been many major racist acts around the world. Example Murder of Medgar Evers in the United States, Sharpeville Massacre in South Africa, etc.

OUR POLICY

As New Zealand, we respect human rights and encourage the fight against racism. In our anti-racism policy, we condemn all forms of racism based on human rights and support efforts to prevent racism internationally. For example, as New Zealand, we have taken actions such as Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi), Waitangi Day, Anti-Racism Laws, Policies Promoting Cultural Diversity and Inclusion, and Reaction After the Christchurch Mosque Attacks. And we still strive to prevent racism.

THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE TO REDUCE RACISM

If we want racism to decrease or end, we must start with education which is the most important and basic. With education provided from the very beginning, a more tolerant generation can be raised for the future. This education should be given not only to children but also to the whole public, thus raising social awareness. Additionally, new and more deterrent laws against racism may be enacted. This way people pay more attention to their actions and words. A positive impact can be created not only with laws but also with activity. For example, projects can be done with non-governmental organizations. As examples of these projects, activities that allow cultural interaction can be done simply.

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