



Committee: SOCHUM (Social, Humanitarian, Cultural Committee)

Country: the Argentine Republic

Agenda Item: Curbing Human Trafficking, Child Labor and Terrorism in Cultural Properties

Human trafficking, child labour, and terrorism in cultural properties are serious issues that Argentina is trying to fight with great effort.

Argentina is considered a country that has a high level of human trafficking, primarily affecting women, children, and vulnerable communities. Traffickers usually target rural areas because the government's presence and authority are rather limited. 64% of human trafficking is for sexual exploitation, while the rest is for labour purposes. Taking this issue seriously, the government enforces the 2008 Anti-Trafficking Law, which enhances law enforcement with neighbouring countries, and another major law, the Comprehensive Law Against Human Trafficking, to strengthen anti-trafficking laws, enforce stricter penalties for traffickers, and provide support for victims.

Child labour is also another important concern for Argentina, especially in agriculture and domestic work, where children are mostly engaged in physically demanding tasks. Children are targeted mostly from vulnerable and low-income families as economic pressure drives families to involve their children to support their financial status. Argentina's government has passed multiple laws and actions to obstruct child labour, such as prohibiting children under 16 from working, inspections conducted often in rural areas of the country, and social support programs.

Terrorism targeting cultural properties is a significant global issue that is also taken seriously in Argentina. Even though Argentina has not experienced any domestic issues on cultural properties, Argentina strongly condemns terrorism and has been taking security measures to prevent any such attack in the future. Argentina values its cultural properties and can be seen with sites like Iguazú National Park highlighting its

commitment. Though not directly affected by terrorism targeting cultural properties, Argentina has ratified UNESCO treaties and collaborates with Interpol to prevent artefact trafficking. Following past terror incidents, security at cultural sites has strengthened significantly.

In addressing the issues of human trafficking, child labor, and terrorism in cultural properties, Argentina takes extreme measures to prevent any of these issues from arising and developing further.