

Committee: UNICEF

Topic: Protecting Children from Bullying and Violence

Country: The United States of America

School: Keystone Schools

The official country name is the United States of America. The US is a country located in North America, bordered on the west by the Pacific Ocean and to the east by the Atlantic Ocean. Along the northern border is Canada and the southern border is Mexico. The United States of America is a representative democracy. In detail, our citizens vote to decide our government. These officials are what represent our citizens' ideas and concerns in the government. By being the strongest military force in the world, the United States expresses a significant effort to ensure global peace and democracy by having critical progress to the war on illegal drugs along with its diplomatic role aims to emphasize and ensure the stability around the world by holding a crucial position in the negotiations including war on terror and the war on drugs. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the United States was approximately worth 29184 billion US dollars, that is for 2024, according to official data from the World Bank. The GDP value of the United States represents 27.49% of the world economy. The United States' natural resources include the following: coal, copper, gas, petroleum, minerals, nuclear, timber, gold, iron ore, and freshwater resources.

"Bullying is a learned behavior. It's up to us to teach our children how to be kind and respectful to others." - *Caroline Kennedy*. But still, as a result, 1 out of 4 teens are being bullied, and that's just in the US. We, as a society, need to start living up to our word more. Because if it is not us who will raise and protect our children from harm, who is it then? Bullying isn't a form of bravery, it's a form of cowardness. And it certainly is taught. Regardless of the abuse bullying can cause, no matter how much we resolve it, it'll always still leave a scar, a painful reminder of what others' had suffered in the past. Which is why we must learn how to stop it from happening for good. And that is in the hands of all parents to raise their children to be the kind of people somebody looks up to, and not fear from.

We, the United States of America, pour our entire heart into playing this role. Currently, our federal government has announced a new regulation that states public schools in the states will be checked regularly in terms of any abuse, bullying, or violence. Furthermore, the site, "[StopBullying.gov](https://www.stopbullying.gov)", managed by the U.S Department of Health and Human services, provides sources for kids, parents, educators all around the world to prevent and take action against bullying. The Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention, co-led by the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services, directs policy, research, and communications across agencies including Justice, Defense, and Agriculture. These partners have promoted evidence-based strategies and awareness campaigns.

The UN officials have issued multiple statements regarding bullying, specifically in schools, as a serious violation of children's rights and must be taken gravely with global action. UNESCO published the "School Violence and Bullying: Global Status Report," documenting generality and urging data-driven policies worldwide. They perceived the first International Day against

violence and bullying at school, focusing on cyberbullying with calls for laws. Marta Santos Pais, a former UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, stated in 2018 that protection from bullying is simply “a fundamental human right”, exceedingly urging global campaigns against cyberbullying and of course better school support systems. In addition, following up the year 2024, UNESCO Assistant Director-General Stefania Giannini emphasized the need for stronger monitoring, teacher training, and data collection to combat school violence, also a part of the Safe to Learn initiative.

The United Nations addressed bullying primarily through General Assembly resolutions on protecting children from violence, including bullying and cyberbullying, alternately to standalone treaties. All these resolutions build on foundational human rights treaties like the CRC, which underpins anti-bullying efforts by recognizing child protection from all forms of violence, bullying.

The United States of America hasn't yet made any sort of formal statement or proposal regarding this major issue towards the UN, however, the US has indeed backed up General Assembly resolutions, which call for reports on bullying causes, best practices exchange, and crucially multi-stakeholder strategies including cyberbullying prevention. In addition, as a major contributor to UNICEF and UNESCO initiatives, the US promotes universal measures like teacher training and awareness campaigns.

In conclusion, as stated before, we should highlight the main issue and resolutions needed to be done which is preparing those who shall come after us to be raised in a community where any form of violence, whereas abuse, bullying, will not be accepted. Nowadays, children are most exposed to the internet, and we should use this to our advantage against cyber-bullying by raising awareness. Parents can be much more aware of what goes on in children's lives, and others may contribute to anti-bullying. It is we who must look into our past, and make use of it for a brighter future. And as a collective, it is all in our hands.

Resources Used:

1. <https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/73/154>
2. <https://violenceagainstchildren.un.org/en/our-work/un-resolutions>
3. <https://news.un.org/en/story/2018/10/1022562>
4. <https://www.who.int/europe/news/item/27-03-2024-one-in-six-school-aged-children-experiences-cyberbullying-finds-new-who-europe-study>
5. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QZwNI4CoLsm_MORVIONPmjbB2w1Gnm-13mp8GJ9uxqU/edit?tab=t.0