

Committee: ECOSOC

Topic: Combatting Child Labour and Providing Fair Opportunities for Youth

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The Federal Republic of Nigeria is a nation in West Africa with a population of 233 million and land mass of 924 thousand square kilometres. In recent years, with a new leader, the Federal Republic of Nigeria has been trying to - and mostly succeeding - in slowly improving its economy. Since 2023 where its current president took power, the country has seen significant increases in our economy which the delegation believes will decrease child labour, thanks to families who may have been struggling before earning more and living in better conditions which in turn will cause those families to not have to send their kids to work to provide.

There have been conventions put into Nigeria's law to prevent child labour, yet it persists. It was promised to every nation worldwide that child labour would cease to exist by this year but it feels like The Federal Republic of Nigeria was left out of that claim. Almost %40 of our country's children are still being exploited and the nation is incredibly disheartened and is willing to fully cooperate with other nations to help in any way it can, to finally put an end to this crisis.

Global studies also show there are major negative affects child labour can have on kids. Kids being exploited are both more likely to not go to school and suffer work related injuries.

With the country's new president in power having taken position in 2023, the Nigerian economy has been improving, as referred to before. With its GDP per capita having gone up by almost %4 with one year in power. The Federal Republic of Nigeria believes that this will steadily help decrease child labour considering one go, if not the biggest reason child labour is such a huge issue in our nation is the fact parents have to send them to work to provide, to make enough money to feed a home. The Federal Republic of Nigeria believes that through producing and exporting more goods the country can provide in its over 69 million hectares of farm land at a slightly higher cost could benefit us. The Federal Republic of Nigeria believes that using more of this land for agriculture will create more well-paying job opportunities. The Federal Republic of Nigeria additionally expects other nations to aid its economy, both with donations and creating job opportunities abroad as well. Additionally, Nigeria will pass and secretly ensure more laws ensuring that children can't be exploited in any jobs, especially these agricultural jobs the nation will create.

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