

Position Paper

Delegation: Mexico

Committee: KBK Women Conference

Topic: Youth and Women Empowerment

I. Background of the Issue

Youth and women empowerment is a crucial global issue that affects social justice, human rights, and economic development. In Mexico, women represent 49.5% of the population, yet many face gender-based violence, wage inequality, and limited access to leadership roles. According to INEGI (2021), 66% of Mexican women over the age of 15 have experienced violence.

At the same time, Mexico's youth — who make up 32% of the population — encounter obstacles such as unemployment, limited access to education, and poverty. The youth unemployment rate in Mexico stands at 7.1% (OECD, 2022).

Mexico recognizes that empowering women and young people is not only a national responsibility but also a collective international goal.

II. Mexico's Efforts and Achievements

Mexico has implemented multiple programs to address these challenges:

- *IMJUVE (National Youth Institute)* promotes leadership, education, and employment opportunities for young people.
- Gender Quota Laws require political parties to nominate at least 50% women candidates.
- Financial support for women entrepreneurs has expanded access to business opportunities.
- Mexico ranks among the top countries globally for women's representation in politics.

Moreover, inspiring figures like Claudia Sheinbaum — the first female Head of Government of Mexico City — demonstrate the progress and potential of women in leadership.

III. Mexico's Position and Recommendations

Mexico believes that international cooperation is essential to achieve youth and women empowerment globally. The delegation of Mexico proposes the following solutions:

1. Increase international programs that provide education and leadership training for girls and young people.
2. Strengthen international legal frameworks to combat gender-based violence and discrimination.
3. Support youth exchange programs to promote global leadership and cultural understanding.
4. Encourage cooperation between countries to share strategies, technology, and funding for women and youth empowerment initiatives.

Mexico stands ready to work with all nations to create a future where every young person and every woman has the opportunity to succeed, lead, and contribute to society.

IV. Conclusion

The delegation of Mexico believes that empowering youth and women is not only about helping individuals — it is about transforming societies for the better. Together, through cooperation and commitment, we can create a world where equality, opportunity, and justice are guaranteed for all.

