

Country: France

Committee: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Agenda Item: Protecting children from bullying and violence

It is one of the most often-visited countries around the globe. It is an independent nation situated in Western Europe. The majority of the population in this nation works in the services sectors, such as tourism, banking, health care, and education. The population of the nation is 66.65 million.

As part of the efforts by UNICEF, it is our mandate to ensure that children have the opportunity to grow and learn in an environment where they experience kindness, respect, and equality. Children who escape bullying and violence experience increased happiness, self-confidence, concentration, sociability, and most importantly, an absence of fear within their lives. In the past, bullying or corporal punishment was perceived as an important tool that instilled discipline within those subjected to it. Nonetheless, research over the years indicates that bullying or corporal punishment may be detrimental within an individual's life regarding their mental faculties. In the year 1989, protecting children from bullying and violence became an important consideration within the context of the United Nations. Later, in 2019, the report "Behind the Numbers: Ending School Violence and Bullying" was released by UNICEF. In France, children are protected from bullying by tough legislation, which includes making bullying in schools an offense under the criminal code. This indicates that protecting each and every child within the French Republic from bullying is important within their context. In matters regarding ensuring that children within those countries are

protected from bullying, it is important to acknowledge that Sweden, Finland, Japan, Brazil, South Africa, the UK, and Canada take center stage.

France considers this problem to be a serious challenge, and this can be attributed to the strict anti-bullying laws that France has established. According to The Law of March 2, 2022, published on Legifrance, France is among the first European countries to criminalize cyber and school bullying, as it considers it to be a criminal offense.