**POSITION PAPER:**

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As the UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta H. Fore once said "Our young people's potential is limitless. Let's make sure their futures are.” UNICEF is aims on providing new generations a better future. But to achieve this goal, we have issues to solve first. Such as this concerning issue which contains other ethical problems in it: child trafficking and underage prostitution. These poor, innocent children from all around the world commonly trafficked for the purpose of slavery, forced labor and exploitation. It may appear as sexual slavery, forced labor or in any other form, it’s unacceptable for humanity to ignore its consequences. China is mostly concerned about the sexual exploitation and forced labor which completely violating the child's rights.

China is one of the places which face with high amount of child trafficking. The most irritating topic is that China becoming traffickers’ transportation location. According to International Labour Organization’s estimations, each year 1.2 million children are being trafficked. They suffer violence, exploitation, and abuse - ending up in work, forced marriage, prostitution, begging and armed recruitment. For the sake of the world, China would like to draw attention to two main topics of the subject; forced labor and sexual abuse. Families selling their children because of debt, ignoring the violence and abuse they will expose. These are all derived from lack of education. On the other hand, traffickers remove organs or tissues of children to gain financial profit. And sometimes this can even end up with their deaths.

Currently, we can state the fact that without any doubt, China is aware of this satiation and have been working on it for a long time. Since 2002, UNICEF supported to Ministry of Civil Affairs (MCA) to develop community services for the prevention of street children. International Labour Organization (ILO) and the All-China Women’s Federation (ACWF) with funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) have worked on reducing trafficking for labour exploitation through the promotion of labour rights of women and children in China. Inter-Ministerial Joint Meeting Mechanism (IMJMM) holds annual and thematic meetings as well as information sharing on a monthly basis. And these are just few examples.

However, globally we still do not completely comprehend the possible consequences, if we don’t increase our precautions. One of our solutions is to educate families and children more about the topic and to show them how to protect themselves. Even if all these communities exist they will never be enough for everyone. Before everything children should know what they are facing with. Another suggestion can be increasing funds, according to specific researches. UNICEF is already done a lot of researches, with the existing statistics we can specified the areas and according to them we can created more fundraisers. Or a special group in UN-ACT (United Nations Action for Cooperation against Trafficking in Persons) can work on those statistics.

In the final analysis, we are highly aware of the possible outcomes of the current child trafficking and prostitutions. As we stated, we are doing much as we can, but there is still a lot of work to do to prevent any kind of crisis. To knowing that collaborations with UNICEF, UN-ACT, countries and other organization who are volunteer to protect children at what cost and will lead children’s better circumstances.