Position Paper

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Country : Mexico

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* Girls’ education in Mexico is improving slowly but surely, and will ultimately lead to women’s empowerment and slow down the prevalence of child marriage in Mexico. Women are increasingly enrolling in universities, even with the current levels of [insufficient gender equality](https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2017/11/23/564049914/why-child-marriage-persists-in-mexico). Actions to reduce early marriage in Mexico started with the Mexican government outlawing the practice in 2014, but this alone won’t be enough , Womens empowerment must also appear in legistions.
* Problems Mexico is suffering from, are early pregnancies , low rate of educated women , unemployment and so on, that are leading into Mexico being the 8th coutry in having highest number of child brides in the World, and nearly 1 in 4 girls are either married or in a union before the age of 18. Unfortunatly 50% of women are married before the age of 18 while only 4% have had completed higher education. But despite all of these we fight for a better and safer environment for our children, and we have started taking steps to make our goals come true.
* Mexico is committed to eliminate child marriage, early and forced marriage by 2030 in line with target 5.3 of the Sustainable Devolopment Goals (SDG) and has co-sponsored the following human rights Council resoloutions: the 2017 resolution on the recognising the need to address child, early and forced marriage in humanitarian contexts as a challenge , and the 2019 resolution on the conseqences of child marriage. Mexico approved the Convention on the rights of the child in 1990, which sets a minimum age of marriage of 18, and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in 1981, which obligates states to ensure free and full consent to marriage. This shows that we make good progress in fighting against Child, Early and Forced marriage and soon in the future we hopefully overcome this big problem.