



Country: Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Committee: United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

Agenda Item: Elimination of child labor

Venezuela, whose full name is the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, is located in the northern of South America. Venezuela is rich in natural resources, and agriculture, fishing, and forestry were central to the Venezuelan economy. However, after the discovery of oil in Venezuela, agriculture has declined rapidly, and Venezuela's economy is dependent on oil products. With fluctuating oil prices, inflation rises in the country, and indirectly poverty also increases.

Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is prioritizing the elimination of child labor and maintained policies and programs that aim to alleviate poverty and improve conditions for some working children. In Venezuela, poverty is the main reason of the child labor. Child labor is the exploitation of children through any form of work that deprives children of their childhood, school, and is mentally, physically, socially and morally detrimental. It arises for reasons such as poverty, debt bondage, child trafficking, conflicts, lack of social protection, social beliefs and etc. Venezuelan child laborers mostly work in service sector, such as domestic work, street work, garbage scavenging and recycling, construction assistance.

The way Venezuela proposes is to stop child labor before it even starts. In order to prevent poverty, which is the general cause of child labor, it was to increase employment, increase domestic production and workers, while stopping child workers as a result of inspection of recruitment. In this way, families which parents can find work will not have to migrate or send their children to work. At the same time, it is our goal to get the country's development out of poverty by getting rid of the oil-dependent economy by re-functioning of agricultural lands. The way Venezuela proposes is to stop child labor before it even starts. In order to prevent poverty, which is the general cause of child labor, it was to increase employment, increase domestic production and workers, and stop child workers as a result of recruitment control. In this way, families where parents can find a job will not have to migrate, and they will not have to send their children to work. At the same time, it is our goal to save the country's development from poverty by re-functioning agricultural lands and getting rid of the oil-dependent economy. Then, we plan to radically solve the problem of child labor in the coming years by improving education and obtaining qualified children, that is, a qualified future.

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Agenda Item: Regulation and reintegration of child labor survivors

Children exposed to child labor may have physical, psychological and sociological problems as a result of their experiences. For this reason, while reintegrating, they may encounter suspicious glances or complete rejection from those around them and become even more absorbed. In addition, they may have more difficulties in adapting or understanding lessons while going to school.

Venezuela Government has maintained several programs to reintegrate children. One of these programs is the Program to Dignify Working Children and Adolescents, which aims to reduce poverty and improve conditions for working children. Intercalary, The Ministry of Popular Power for Interior and Justice and the Child Protection Council has trained doctors and psychologists to examine trafficked children.

The way Venezuela proposes to reintegrate child workers is to prepare special classrooms where children who experienced similar things can spend time together and empathize, then gradually transition into social life. In this way, it is predicted that children who have friends who experience similar things as themselves will improve psychologically and socially. We advocate making health a priority, with the thought that a child who is mentally in bad situation will be left behind, no matter how good the education is.

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