

Honourable Chairs, Dear Delegates

I would like to point your attention to the US. While the U.S. positions itself as a global leader in human rights, there are glaring issues within its own borders.

One of the most troubling aspects is the legality of child marriage in 43 states. Over a quarter million children have been married between 2000 and 2018, a practice that blatantly violates their rights and exposes them to various forms of abuse and exploitation.

Additionally, corporal punishment remains legal in all states, with 23 allowing it in both public and private schools. This practice is not only outdated but also harmful, subjecting children to violence that can have long-term psychological and physical impacts.

Nedless to say, the American Weapon laws are endagering children on a daily basis as well, causing them to even have to walk to school with see through backpacks, since everyone is a possible school shooter in that country.

Also, The juvenile justice system in the U.S. is another area of grave concern. In some states, children face extreme prison sentences and violent treatment, contradicting the principles of rehabilitation and protection that should underpin juvenile justice.

Moreover, the child welfare system in the United States has been criticized for disproportionately separating children from their families, particularly affecting Black and Indigenous communities. This systemic issue criminalizes poverty and results in significant trauma and disruption for families.

With a view on Residential schools, which were for Indeginous Children in both Canada and the United States, children got taken from their Families and put into concentration camps, in a school camouflage.

We urge the international community to not blindly follow the US and their bold accusations, while facing own human rights violations in their country.

Thank you. We yield the floor back to the chairs.