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The General Assembly, confident that member states believe in the importance of adhering to the Convention of the Rights of the Child, the Optional Protocols, and the International Labor Organizations protocols and conventions concerning Children,

Noting with regret and fully alarmed at the atrocity of child abuses and persistence of child labor practices,

Deeply concerned that children are still largely unaware that they have rights to be respected by adults looking out for their best interests,

Fully aware that some children are not regarded as being able to speak up for their interests and consequently not well represented in decisions made on behalf of their well fare,

Noting with deep concern that children growing up in poverty are even more likely to have their basic human rights discounted or ignored,

Deeply disturbed that children are still regarded as property in some cultures,

Deeply regretting evidence that children are being forced into conflict as armed soldiers, couriers, and conscripted labors,

1. Calls upon countries to ratify the advanced protocols to the Conventions of the Rights of the Child, striving to end the practice of children into the role of child soldier;
2. Supports the establishment of mobile registration centers and the further expansion of identification and birth registration initiatives, ensuring the process of documenting a birth for securing citizenship rights;
3. Draws attention to the need for better census taking to include all adults and children in population counts;
4. Endorses teaching Human Rights and Children's Rights initiatives in schools, beginning at the primary level;
5. Invites NGOs to teach about gender equality through the use of sports programs to introduce Children's Rights concepts;
6. Recommends that safe havens be established for children seeking refuge from abuse as well as safe houses for children who may otherwise be living on the streets;
7. Supports full implementation of ILO Convention 138 regarding the minimum age at which children are allowed to enter the work force;
8. Deplores the recruitment of children as child soldiers in conflict regions;
9. Endorses member states modifying their laws and judicial systems to more conscientiously accommodate children who do have interactions with police and law enforcement agencies;
10. Raising awareness about children's rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child through community and public-service type informational campaigns; and,
11. Expresses hope that the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Advanced Optional Protocols, and ILO Conventions regarding Child Labor will be ratified and implemented in to law by all member states as a demonstration that we, as global citizens, value our children by ensuring their protection and creating a global environment nurturing them as future leaders in all aspect of life.