Resolution Cyberbullying/1.1

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Topic: Prevention and Mitigation of Cyberbullying

The Committee,

Fully aware of the fact that 34% of people feel they have been cyber-bullied,

Noting that digital self-harm is a very important issue to society and to this topic,

Noting further with deep concern that 87% of all children have experienced a form of cyber-bullying,

Alarmed by the fact that half of adolescent suicides are due to bullying in general,

Recognizing that one out of five children report being cyber-bullied,

Bearing in mind that half of all serious mental health problems in adulthood begin before the age of 14,

Taking into consideration that 70% of all children have witnessed cyber-bullying,

Observing for years that adults considered bullying as nothing more than "kids being kids" , having examined this is incorrect, as approximately 18% of youth report self-harming due to bullying at least once, impacting one in four girls and one in ten boys,

Fully understanding the serious consequences impacting cyber-bullying victims, their families, and their community,

1. Strongly encourages schools and communities to freely provide emotional support and counseling for victims and perpetrators of cyber-bullying on a weekly basis for up to twelve months;

2. Emphasizes the importance of safe, anonymous and accessible reporting procedures, including confidentiality of all information collected;

3. Remind online platforms, schools, communities, and local governments of their obligations to deliver justice to past victims by creating support hotlines and facilitating conversation;

4. Calls upon communities, local governments, schools, and online platforms to raise awareness of proper safety procedures, including social media safety controls;

5. Recommends the creation of community and social support groups for victims of cyber-bullying;

6. Further requests the creation of a monitored online safe space for victims to express their feelings through creativity;

7. Supports the use of advertising and influential figures to raise awareness of cyber-bullying;

8. Formally requests increased funding from NGOs and school initiatives;

9. Suggests NGO led workshops in schools and communities;

10. Seeking attention from all online platforms to follow Facebook᾽s prevention hub which is a resource for teens, parents, and educators looking for assistance or advice to help recognize cyber-bullying;

11. Asks the UN to create an international anti-cyber-bullying committee to travel around the world with experts, former victims, and reformed cyberbullies, to provide comfort, support, and advice, through advertisement campaigns, workshops, and conventions;

12. Calls upon local governments to hold cyberbullies accountable for their actions, by creating a program that helps reform the cyberbullies and aid-the victims;

13. Calls upon schools to implement courses teaching ethics, awareness, tolerance, team-building, consequences and proper responses when witnessing cyber-bullying;

14. Recommends courses to educate teachers and parent/guardians on how to manage cyber-bullying incidents correctly;

15. Encourages schools to restrict social media usage during school hours;

16. Further encourages schools and governments to save, review and record past cyber-bullying cases to aid research, preventing further incidents;

17. Trusts the completion of a course containing required volunteer hours and rehabilitation courses, operating under a three strike and a warning system, with consideration of the situation;

18. Recommends harsher penalties based on the severity of the offense, including a warning, followed by a suspension, followed by an expulsion;

19. Recommends all CEO's of all major social media platforms come together to establish clear objectives as well as a universal agreement regarding preventions and regulations;

20. Encourages victims to screenshot and send to authorities, any trail of abusive messages, so the offender can be held accountable for their actions;

21. Requests that platforms flag users that have sent and/or commented hurtful messages by informing the user and social platforms.