

**Elephant Model United Nations****15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**FORUM:**                    **Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee**

**QUESTION OF:**        **The issue of preventing discrimination against gender and ethnicity in criminal justice systems.**

**MAIN SUBMITTER:** **France**

The Third Committee of the General Assembly,

*Defining* discrimination as the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different groups of people, especially on the grounds of ethnicity, age, sex, or disability,

*Taking* into consideration the lack of education with regards to normalizing differences and preventing discrimination,

*Deeply* concerned about discrimination and prejudice against marginalized groups in both society and the justice system,

*Further* concerned about the lack of protection for those groups,

*Disturbed* by discrimination embedded in particular laws,

*Alarmed* by unfair punishments in court based on prejudice, such as towards people of color and people with a migration background,

*Pointing out* the lack of transparency in decision-making in the criminal justice system and the lack of accountability of law enforcement officers,

- 1) **Recommends** all member states to improve their education on discrimination by implementing:
  - a) global history and other international topics,
  - b) laws and regulations concerning human rights,
  - c) the introduction and normalization of LGBTQ+ topics,
  - d) proper sex education including topics of consent and reducing the number of rape cases in this way,
  - e) the normalization of differences between people, thoughtful wording and respect towards different nations,into school lessons, other educational institutions as well as campaigns and more inclusive media;
- 2) **Encourages** to combat hate on the internet and in real life, by taking measures against:

- a) online and offline hate speech,
  - b) public propaganda,
  - c) humiliation of other nations,
  - d) discrimination of people,  
and enforcing harsh penalties when these are committed;
- 3) Suggests the establishment of supportive places for help that:
- a) investigate further in the various cases of victims of discrimination in the justice system,
  - b) allow people to share their experiences with fellow victims and seek advice;
- 4) Calls upon all member states to verify whether laws can be altered to provide more justice and equality such as:
- a) criminalizing homosexuality,
  - b) preventing people from fully being able to practice their religion,
  - c) discriminating people, specifically women, based on their gender by,
    - i) legalizing domestic violence and marital rape,
    - ii) making access to contraceptives, examinations during pregnancy and abortions illegal,
    - iii) enforcing overly strict laws regarding clothing,
    - iv) imposing inadequate custody laws;
- 5) Encourages the usage of body cameras on law enforcement officers for full transparency and proof for possible mistreatment;
- 6) Invites the implementation of diversity into the justice system by:
- a) advocating for diverse:
    - i) jury members,
    - ii) judges,
    - iii) attorneys,
    - iv) law enforcement officers,
  - b) further supporting possible future employees of the justice system that are currently facing oppression by:
    - i) pointing out the attractiveness of the job,
    - ii) granting scholarships to them;
- 7) Reminds the member states of the United Nations of the main source of all crime that is poverty, which forces people to commit crime and urges to combat it;
- 8) Strongly expresses its hope for fellow countries to put discriminatory individuals on rehabilitation instead of only jail time, acknowledging that those are behaviors encouraged by a lack of education and toleration, and preventing them from committing further crimes;
- 9) Suggests harsh punishment such as suspensions and eventually exclusion towards the employees in justice systems who discriminate people because of their ethnic background, gender, sexuality or religion;

- 10) Expresses its appreciation for providing every citizen of the United Nations with legal support if necessary in the form of:
- a) qualified translators,
  - b) qualified attorneys;
- 11) Emphasizes the importance of declarations of fair sentences through the aforementioned measures.