



*American Model United Nations*  
**Human Rights Council**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Consequences of child, early and forced marriage

SUBMITTED TO: The Human Rights Council

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1        *Recognizing* the infringement of human rights that takes place across the globe under child, early and forced  
2 marriage, with consequences including but not limited to domestic abuse, child pregnancies and financial dependence,

3        *Reaffirming* the importance of international agreements in the arena of child, early and forced marriage,  
4 such as the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage, the Convention on  
5 the Rights of the Child, as well as Sustainable Development Goal 5.3,

6        *Stressing* the need for international cooperation and accountability to discourage the continuation of the  
7 practice of child, early and forced marriage,

8        *Further recognizing* the importance of including stakeholders on the local, national and judicial levels in order  
9 to effectively and sustainably create environments for the implementation of national laws and policies pertaining to  
10 child, early and forced marriage,

11        *Underlining* the importance of Member States' commitment to implementing national policies and laws that  
12 are in place to combat the institution of child, early and forced marriage,

13        *Noting* the challenges posed by inadequate technical capacity and knowledge on procedures to effectively  
14 maintain public and accurate civil registration documents, including marriage and birth certificates,

15        *Acknowledging* the challenge of preventing child, early and forced marriage with the lack of coordination in  
16 the reliable collection and reporting of data to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other United  
17 Nations organizations,

18        *Taking into account* the gravity of maintaining cultural and national sovereignty in efforts to prevent child,  
19 early and forced marriage, especially with regards to national legislation,

20        1. *Requests* that Member States reaffirm the principles in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and to  
21 follow through on international agreements, such as the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to Accelerate Action  
22 to End Child Marriage, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and Sustainable Development Goal 5.3;

23        2. *Further requests* the establishment of annual conferences to encourage countries to share their progress  
24 with combating child, early and forced marriages, which would involve:

25            (a) Evaluating the prevalence of child, early and forced marriage in Member States;

26            (b) Establishing an open forum for sharing the approaches or methods used by Member States in  
27 implementing their legislation and policies which have reduced their number of child marriages;

28            (c) Inviting parties, which include;

29            (i) National, judicial, communal and religious leaders from affected nations;

30            (ii) Victims of child, early and forced marriage;

31            (iii) Teams of independent experts who have recorded statistics and observations on these issues,  
32 such as those working in connection with UNICEF;

33        3. *Endorses* the use of financial incentives, provided by UNICEF, to encourage Member States to adopt  
34 policies that combat child, early and forced marriage:

35            (a) Grants will be awarded on the basis of successful implementation of policies that combat early,  
36 child and forced marriages;

- 37 (b) Grants will aim to improve existing educational programs and infrastructure;
- 38 4. *Supports* the efforts of UNICEF in creating or strengthening national birth and marriage registration  
39 systems by:
- 40 (a) Establishing regional action frameworks;
- 41 (b) Creating capacity building programs and technological support;
- 42 (c) Facilitating private-public cooperation so as to allow sharing of expertise and procedure knowl-  
43 edge;
- 44 (d) Obtaining universal marriage certificates verifiable by state authorities;
- 45 5. *Urges* Member States and regional and subregional organizations to collaborate with UNICEF to discuss  
46 the standardization of data collection and reporting on child, early and forced marriage, including but not limited  
47 to:
- 48 (a) Education status;
- 49 (b) Age;
- 50 (c) Geographical location;
- 51 (d) Migratory status;
- 52 (e) Socioeconomic status;
- 53 6. *Encourages* Member States to involve cultural and religious leaders in discussions involving the drafting  
54 and implementation of new and current legislation designed to prevent child, early and forced marriage, in the interest  
55 of fostering multilateral cooperation at the regional level and preserving cultural sovereignty.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions