

# **POSITION PAPER 0.1**

**COMMITTEE: The United Nation's Childrens Fund**

**PORTFOLIO: The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia**

**AGENDA: Providing Violence Response and Access to Justice for Children and Youth**

## **INTRODUCTION**

For younger children, violence mainly comprises of child maltreatment (physical, sexual and emotional abuse and negligence). As children reach adolescence, they can also face abuse through online means, at this age peer violence and intimate partner violence also become really prevalent. An estimation is set up that globally, **1 billion** children aged **2-17** have experienced violence in some form or the other.

## **SAUDI ARABIA'S STANCE**

Saudi Arabia acknowledges the challenges that the children and the youth of their nation (and globally) have to experience. The types of violence present in the Saudi society have ranged from physical-electronic violence, from financial and economic violence-cultural and social violence.

The Kingdom has taken certain measures to avoid this, some of them which are-

(1) The articles in **chapter 10** of the **Saudi Labor Law** to protect the children from Juvenile's Employment

(2)The setting of two specialized technical departments:**The Department of Orphan Affairs** and the **Department of Residential Care**,in order to care for children with unknown parentage

(3)24/7 active communication lines for submitting reports on family violence.

### **POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS**

In order to combat this global crisis,a few solutions that Saudi Arabia would like to suggest the committee are:

-Sites which permit only 18+ users should ask for some form of proof for the aforementioned age to avoid minors from viewing explicit content.

-Setting up separate departments to rescue children and youth with a disturbing home setting(Family violence).

-Providing at least basic education to the youth/children living in poverty to avoid slavery or worst forms of child labour.

-Promoting defense programs and making them easily accessible for children and youth of any economic class.

-Reducing access to substances like alcohol,drugs which are consumed for non-medical reasons etc.

*“The children of the world are asking you to stand with us.*

*Listen to us.*

*And renew your promises to the world’s children.”*

*-Millie Bobby Brown*

