**Position Paper**

**COUNTRY**: France

**COMMITTEE**: United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)

**TOPIC**: Existence of Concentration camps for Uyghur Muslims

**The Republic of France believes Human rights are the basic rights that must be provided to a citizen irrespective of their race. The Chinese government has reportedly detained more than a million Muslims in re-education camps. Most of the people who have been arbitrarily detained are Uyghur, a predominantly Turkic-speaking ethnic group primarily from China’s north-western region of Xinjiang. Irrespective of arguments from Human rights organisations, honourable UN officials urging China to stop the abuses. The Parliament of France denounced genocide by China against its Uyghur Muslim population.  But Chinese officials maintain that what they call vocational training centres do not infringe on Uyghur’s’ human rights. They have refused to share information about the detention centres, and prevented journalists and foreign investigators from examining them. However, internal Chinese government documents leaked in late 2019 have provided important details on how officials launched and maintain the detention camps. Some eight hundred thousand to two million Uyghurs and other Muslims, including ethnic Kazakhs and Uzbeks, have been detained since April 2017, according to experts and**[**government officials**](https://www.foreign.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/120418_Busby_Testimony.pdf)**. Outside of the camps, the eleven million Uyghur’s livings in Xinjiang have continued to suffer from a decades-long crackdown by Chinese authorities.**