

United Nations



UN Women

Topic : improving the rights and well-being of girls during their childhood

Sponsor : Nigerien delegation

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women),

Guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC, since 1989) and the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW, since 1979),

Concerned by the appalling assessment of the gap concerning women's conditions, and more specifically young girls, between different countries,

Noting with concern the step back of women's rights observed, by the member states, in more than a quarter of the states involved in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995),

Alarmed by the increase of assaults aimed at defenders of women's rights,

Considering the rise of violence against women in countries concerned by a conflict, and the diversity in the types of assaults inflicted (sexual violence, forced marriage, torture...),

Recognizing the persistent barriers faced by girls in Niger and across the Sahel, including limited access to quality education, early and forced marriage, child labor, gender-based violence, and the impact of insecurity in conflict-affected regions,

Acknowledging the efforts undertaken by the Government of Niger to expand girls access to education, strengthen child protection systems, and eliminate harmful traditional practices, including through community-based and culturally sensitive approaches,

Aware of the importance of international cooperation to improve outcomes and secure the equality of chances for every young girls around the world,

- 1) *Encourages* Member States, including Niger, to reinforce comprehensive child protection systems that prevent violence, exploitation, and harmful practices, ensuring they are accessible in both urban and rural communities ;
- 2) *Calls for* the implementation of community-based sensitization campaigns to encourage girls school attendance, and promote gender equality, in partnership with traditional chiefs, women's associations, religious leaders, and youth-led organizations, in order to integrate it smoothly in the daily life of the children ;
- 3) *Urges* peacebuilding and post-conflict reintegration programs that prioritize the need of girls, including rehabilitation for girls impacted by an armed conflict and protection from violence in conflict zones ;
- 4) *Encourages* Member States to collaborate within the region of Sahel to prevent trafficking of girls and cross-border exploitation, through monitoring and reintegration programs for rescued children ;
- 5) *Supports* the investments, national, regional, or even international,

in initiatives supporting girls education and safety, prioritizing rural communities, displaced population and areas affected by a conflict;

- 6) *Calls for* UN Women, UNICEF, UNESCO, ECOWAS, and the African Union to provide technical assistance to Niger and similar Member States in strengthening national action plans for gender equality and childhood protection ;
- 7) *Affirms* the importance of actively involving adolescent girls in local and national decision-making processes, including school councils, youth platforms, and community development programs ;
- 8) *Demands* the integration of gender-sensitive measures in humanitarian help, through new items of reglementation (such as laws), ensuring that displaced girls and girls in emergency contexts retain access to education, child protection, and health services ;
- 9) *Requests* periodic evaluation of all girl-related policies to ensure transparency, measurable impact, and the meaningful participation of civil society, happening at least every year to be able to act as fast as possible if necessary.