

Forum: The 6<sup>th</sup> Committee of the General Assembly

Issue: Finding measures to stop child prostitution

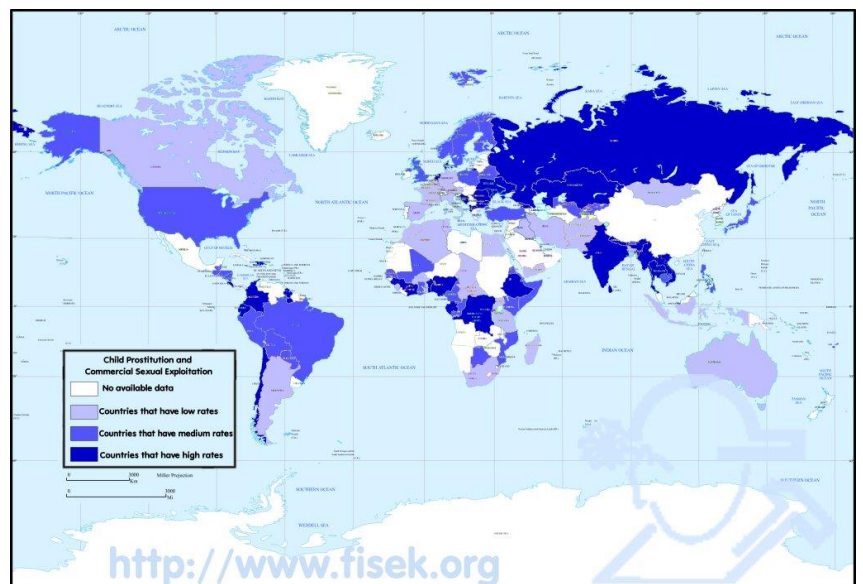
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## 1. Introduction of the Topic

### Child Prostitution<sub>1</sub>:

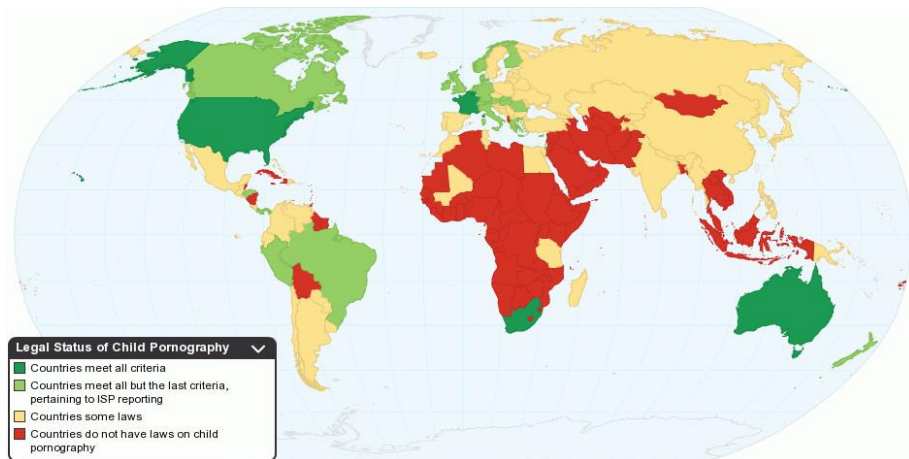
Children are the most important individuals in our lives and get the most attention from other people. Every child should have a wonderful and unforgettable childhood. Furthermore the worldwide rights of a child should not be touched by anybody. One of those rights is the right of having a free life and especially a life free from sexual exploitation. But exactly this right to be free from sexual exploitation is not respected everywhere in the world.

Actually child prostitution is a global issue since as the map on the right shows it is a very big problem in some African and in most of the Asian countries, which is indicated by the deep blue color but also many American countries like Brazil or the United States of America have a medium high rate of child prostitution, which is indicated by the light blue colour. It is terrifying that so few countries have a low rate of child prostitution, which is shown by the light purple color.



## Child Pornography:

Not only child prostitution is an important issue which needs to be solved worldwide but also child pornography is an international problem which is not respected enough by many governments. The map shows, that some countries do not even have laws against child



pornography

- Deep green means the law meets all international criteria.-
- Light green indicates the law meets all criteria but the one.
- Yellow shows all countries that have some but not all laws.
- Red are all countries that do not have any laws on child pornography.

Since there are many countries that do not even have laws on child pornography one way to prevent the number of videos of children having sex from growing could be to encourage all countries to pass stricter or laws at all on child pornography.

## Sex trafficking of Children:

Since most children who are forced to offer those services are from poor regions in Asia or Africa there is another crime directly connected with child prostitution, which is the sex trafficking of children. This is even worse, since the children are forced to leave their friends, family and everything else they like and love back.

The rate of child prostitution could be decreased by introducing more and harder punishments. Also decoys can be used to get information of the person that offers the service of the children, this information can help to find out who these people are so they can be punished.

A special focus should be taken on international laws or standards on the topic of child prostitution. Furthermore it is important to get an organized structure to operate internationally against child prostitution, this should be done through a program of action.

## 2. Definition of Key terms

Child Prostitution<sub>1</sub>:

The United Nations define child prostitution as:

*“the act of engaging or offering the services of a child to perform sexual acts for money or other consideration with that person or any other person”*

Child prostitution is not to be mistaken with child pornography, but it often overlaps, since the performed sexual act could also be captured with a camera. It is also possible that the child or the person who offers the service is payed not only for the sexual act but also for making a pornographic video.

Child Pornography<sub>2</sub>:

Child Pornography is the photography of children while having sex or being sexually abused. It could be filmed or photographed. The product is normally used for sexual stimulation-

Sex Trafficking of children<sub>3</sub>:

The United Nations define it as:

*“(a) “Trafficking in persons” shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of*

*exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs;*

*(b) The consent of a victim of trafficking in persons to the intended exploitation set forth in subparagraph (a) of this article shall be irrelevant where any of the means set forth in subparagraph (a) have been used;*

*(c) The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of a child for the purpose of exploitation shall be considered “trafficking in persons” even if this does not involve any of the means set forth in subparagraph (a) of this article;*

*(d) “Child” shall mean any person under eighteen years of age*

### 3. Organizations working against child prostitution

ECPAT<sub>4</sub>:

“ECPAT International is a global network of organisations working together for the elimination of child prostitution, child pornography and the trafficking of children for sexual purposes. It seeks to ensure that children everywhere enjoy their fundamental rights free and secure from all forms of commercial sexual exploitation.”

ACPE<sub>5</sub>:

“ACPE fights by all legal means against sexual exploitation of children in the world, the traffic and sale of children for sexual purposes and pornography involving children. ACPE also takes action against child prostitution network.”

### 4. Which questions should be answered in your Position Paper?

Has your country a low, medium or high rate of child prostitution?

How many children are affected by child prostitution in your country?

Are any Organizations working against child prostitution in your country?

Is your government working against child prostitution?

Is it working internationally or is it supporting other countries in this matter?

Which laws on the matter exist in your country?

## 5. Useful sources

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prostitution\\_of\\_children#Prevalence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prostitution_of_children#Prevalence)

[http://www.unicef.org/protection/57929\\_58006.html](http://www.unicef.org/protection/57929_58006.html)

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Children/Pages/ChildrenIndex.aspx>

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

## 6. Sources

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2: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Child\\_pornography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Child_pornography)

3: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sex\\_trafficking](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sex_trafficking)

4: <http://www.ecpat.net/what-we-do>

5: <http://www.crin.org/fr/biblioth%C3%A8que/organisations/association-against-child-prostitution>

Pictures in order of appearance

- <https://traffickcharting.files.wordpress.com/2011/09/child-prostitution-by-country.jpg>

- [https://c1.staticflickr.com/5/4066/4660673403\\_d36dfff3a5\\_b.jpg](https://c1.staticflickr.com/5/4066/4660673403_d36dfff3a5_b.jpg)