POSITION PAPER

Committee: UN Women

Country: Republic of Iraq

Agenda Item: Empowerment of Women

Women’s empowerment is a critical aspect of achieving gender equality and this is a really crucial topic worldwide. Firstly; Iraq is located in the Middle East, a place where economy is poor and the education is really low. Due to these reasons; including Iraq, many countries' male populations are not aware of the importance of women. In some parts of Iraq, some women can’t even work in formal employment due to cultural norms. Iraq’s population is more than 40 million and nearly 45% of them are working in a formal job. And the other part of the country isn’t able to do much for economy.

Altough women make up more than 50% of the world's population, they only possess 1% of the world's wealth. Some women in Iraq do not even have access to their basic rights. The government of former President Saddam Hussein did not prioritize genuine women's empowerment, despite superficial efforts made in this regard. However, it is an honor to state that Iraq's President Latif Rashid has recognized the importance of this issue for the country. He has worked to promote policies and initiatives that support gender equality, women's rights, and their participation in various aspects of society.

 To find a comprehensive solution to this problem, we need to take significant steps. Firstly, we believe that actually, men are the one who needs education because of their thoughts about women and how they value them. So we need to make some informative campaigns for people. To prevent children from straying, we should establish modern educational institutions for both girls and boys. And most importantly, the fundamental rights of girls must be guaranteed by laws and steps should be taken to ensure democratic governance in the country. We can also open some free courses about cooking, sewing etc. to support women’s empowerment and making it available for sale in market or online with the help of UN. If we manage to ensure these our economy and national status will rise, our perspective on situations like this will improve.

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