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**Commitee:** UNODC

**Country:** Spain

**Agenda**: Global Cooperation For Fighting Cyberbullying

Distinguished Chairs and Fellow Delegates,

As we all know, cyberbullying is one of the biggest problems of our time. With the increasing use of social media platforms, cyberbullying rates are also increasing. This type of bullying, which is mostly done through social media, can affect people psychologically in a very negative way. In general, people who are subjected to this type of bullying can suffer from anxiety, feelings of isolation, depression and even suicidal tendencies. Cyberbullying is not limited to sending insulting messages and there are also types of cyberbullying. Outing, sexual harassment and social exclusion are examples of these types.

Spain is also aware of the importance of this problem. After the quarentine in recent years, there has been a huge increase in the use of social media, as well as a huge increase in cyberbullying rates. In Spain, cyberbullying rates after the quarentine increased by 145% compared to the previous year. Cyberbullying in Spain is mostly motivated by racism. It has been researched that 34% of cyberbullying in the country is linked to racism. It was reported that there were a total of 1824 criminal proceedings for hate crimes in 2021, an increase of 27% compared to the year before, and a 44% increase in charges filed by the prosecutor's office alone. Spain is also affected by this major problem and is ready to take steps to find lasting solutions. That is why it has become a partner in the debate on cyberbullying in the European Union.

Spain has generated several ideas about cyberbullying that we believe are sustainable.

1. Development of a Political Legistilative Framework

Spain invites States to partner with us in this committee in addressing this problem in their countries, by issuing a circular that, in accordance with human rights, criminalizes cyberbullying and protects those affected. As the delegate of Spain, we argue that this proposal is very useful and that the main objective of this proposal is to help victims and to aim to make the punishments for cyberbullying more severe.

2. Conduct a detailed international training on cyberbullying in schools

Spain argues that the source of such problems is a lack of education. So in this case, we think that educating children from an early age is the most effective way to reduce the number of bullies in the future. This suggestion should concern school curricula in each country and efforts should be made to reduce the problem. Also, training students for such situations can help them to know what to do in case they encounter this problem and to be less psychologically affected.

3. Raising public awareness through campaigns

Spain considers educating children as important as raising public awareness. We aim to achieve this through international campaigns. We believe that young people who see what cyberbullying can lead to will move away from this problem as much as possible. In such campaigns, we believe that we can cooperate with people who are idols for young people and attract the attention of young people in this way.

These three solutions are just three of the proposals that Spain has in mind. Spain aims to work together in this committee to write a very good and useful resolution paper. We also hope that this is the goal of all the countries in this committee and that being here will help people who have been victims of bullying.

Thank you and we yield the floor to the chair.

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