Country: Denmark

Committee: Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee (SOCHUM)

Topic: Improving Freedom of Information



Denmark believes that ensuring freedom of information is extremely vital to our society. Freedom of information allows us to receive the accurate and reliable information we desire to receive, which helps create accurate journalism, allows us to do proper research, etc. Countries like Serbia, India, Mexico, and Afghanistan have a strong constitutional basis protecting the right to freedom of information, We think that these types of laws could be passed all around the world for a better and more developed society in the future. We will support every country through its process and hope to create one day a world where everyone can freely achieve information.

Freedom of information laws in Denmark could be updated and improved. There is no constitutional basis protecting the right to freedom of information. Even though there is access to public files Administration Act of 1985, it was recently updated on the 1st of January 2014 limiting freedom of information further. Denmark scores 64 points in the Global Right to Information Rating, which places it at 110th out of 136 countries.

Denmark thinks the United Nations putting some pressure on countries to update and pass laws about the freedom of information could allow the improvement of not just Denmark’s but the whole world’s right to freedom of information. Also, just by even simply recognizing the importance it brings to our lives and nations like through national and international speeches, programs, activities, etc. could help improve the freedom of information all around the world.