



CSW 65 - Girls' Statement

We, the Girl Delegates of CSW 65, demand that girls are provided full and equal opportunities to participate in decision making spaces. We demand that girls are able to contribute to policy discussions in which girls' thoughts and perspectives are equally respected and considered. It is imperative that girls of all backgrounds are embraced in all decision making spaces, especially those that involve education, violence against girls, and political leadership.

A girl's right to education is a fundamental human right and is necessary in dismantling gender roles.

We call on Member States to challenge the status quo around girl's education, including conversations around mental, sexual, and reproductive health, allowing them to take control of their own lives.

We call on Member States to close the gender divide within education by providing effective civic education, where all girl's learning needs are provided regardless of identity, and all students are taught the importance of girls' leadership in social, political, and economic advancement.

Violence significantly hinders girls' contributions in decision making spaces. Leaders must recognize the emotional and psychological abuse of violence. In doing so, leaders can support an environment for girls to speak safely and freely.

We call on Member States to acknowledge and reject all types of abuse against girls in all spaces and to provide justice for survivors.

We call on Member States to actively reject and fight against child marriage, as it can hinder girls' education and participation in leadership roles. Member States must implement laws and educate communities on the issues surrounding child marriage.

Girls deserve a seat at the table where their perspectives and contributions are equally valued— not in spite of, but *because of* their unique identity and background.

We call on the leaders of Member States to amplify girls' voices in meaningful ways. Furthermore, we call on member states to address their biases against girls' contributions and actively work to counteract them throughout government structures and society.

Participation and representation in government is necessary. We call on governments to recognize the importance of female role models in leadership positions to promote girl participation.

We call on governments to ensure, through funding and support, that girls are universally equipped with the resources necessary to enter and thrive in leadership positions within our communities.

We call on governments to include the feedback of girls while enacting legislation to encourage full participation of girls in the political sphere.

We urge Member States to dismantle cultural barriers impacting women's universal rights by empowering girls through equitable educational and economic opportunities, such as low-rate loans and land grants.

We call on governments to fund and support programs and policies to aid in the collection of data in order to track the progress of this statement.

Member States must ensure that all girls are able to advocate for themselves, design their futures, and have their concerns heard and acted on by community and governmental leaders.