

THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTS AN INITIATIVE ON BULLYING PRESENTED BY MEXICO

On November 24th, 2014, the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution proposed by Mexico to protect children and adolescents from bullying.

This resolution was announced by the President of Mexico, Enrique Peña Nieto, during his speech at the General Debate of the international body.

This is the first time that the UN includes in its agenda the negative effects of bullying both in the development of children and adolescents, as in the exercise of their rights.

The main purpose of Mexico's initiative is to raise awareness about the seriousness of bullying on a global level and to promote international cooperation to design and implement prevention strategies

Besides drawing the attention of the international community about the seriousness of bullying, the initiative calls for the United Nations System to provide technical assistance to States to strengthen their national capacities.

Furthermore, the resolution stresses the need to involve all relevant actors to protect children from bullying, including: authorities, families, schools, the media and civil society.

On the basis of this resolution, the UN Secretary General shall prepare an analysis of the causes and effects of bullying, presenting good practices and successful guidelines in some countries to protect children from this phenomenon and identify which areas of the United Nations System can contribute to it.

The Mexican resolution was adopted by consensus and had the support of 72 co-sponsors from different regions.

The Government of Mexico, concerned about the increasing prevalence of bullying and its serious consequences, promoted an analysis of the issue from a human rights perspective, through which peaceful coexistence within schools, public

spaces and family is promoted, to build a culture of peace, tolerance, respect and non-discrimination.

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