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## Commission for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

### Committee Overview

Our committee will be run Harvard style, which means that there can be no pre-written resolutions. We highly recommend writing at least one position paper as this is necessary to be considered for an award. In addition, delegates should have some knowledge of each of the topics in order to be well-informed during debate. We expect that all delegates will come to committee with a good grasp on their country and its policies, especially surrounding our topics of discussion. The goal of CCPCJ is to solve the issues presented peacefully, effectively, and respectfully. We recognize that awards are fun to receive, but above all we want to make sure you have fun while participating!

### Committee Description

Impact of Child Gambling in the Online World  
Public Participation in the Prevention of Local Crime  
Prevention of Attacks on Religious Buildings in Sri Lanka  
Child Pornography in Singapore

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Hello! My name is Adam Sheelar and this is my third time chairing. I'm a senior at Hilton High School, and apart from MUN I participate in varsity soccer, indoor track and tennis. I'm also the treasurer of the student council, and the editor for the Hilton's school newspaper political collum. I'm very excited for a fun conference! If you have any questions, please email me!

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Hello delegates! I'm Sabrina Bhattacharya, and I am going to be a senior at Penfield High School. This is my first time chairing, but my fourth year in Model UN. Apart from MUN, I play on my schools varsity field hockey team, participate in Mock Trial, and play bass in my band. I also spent a summer backpacking through Europe and I volunteer at the Seneca Ridge Dialysis Unit. Feel free to send me an email if you have any questions.

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### Impact of Child Gambling in the Online World



Gambling has been present in the world since early human history, and since then it has taken many different shapes and forms. The most notable of forms of gambling today are the elaborate casinos in Las Vegas. However, gambling has started to take on an entirely new shape in the online world. In Britain alone around 55,000 children are considered addicted to a form of gambling with 70,000 more are considered at risk for developing an addiction of some sort.

The majority of this addiction is rooted in the online world.

Many children who play video games are offered items known as 'loot crates'. These 'loot crates' normally offer in-game alterations to certain characters, which claim to be completely random with what in-game alterations are given. 'Loot crates' draw people in to spend real-world money on these

products. For example, Blizzard Entertainment created a game called 'Overwatch', which offers these loot crates to players at varying prices and better "deals" when they spend more money on them. 'Overwatch' has 40 million monthly players. The children playing these games have a large risk of becoming addicted to gaming and spending money on gaming for many reasons. The first is that they often don't obtain the item they want since the process is random. The kids then buy more from the game because they think that they have a chance to get it in the next attempt. Dopamine is also often released when playing these types of games. When it is released in childrens' brains it makes them happy and when the dopamine levels return to normal they desire that feeling again. Opening 'loot crates' induces this feeling. The more boxes children open, the happier a kid feels. When more dopamine is produced like this it becomes harder and harder to feel satisfied, so they return to opening these 'loot crates' to feel happy or satisfied again.

All of this can cause children to become adults with a habit of buying loot boxes. This habit can be devastating because they begin to rely more and more on gambling for dopamine. Children who are playing these addictive games aren't spending their own money, but their parents'. This makes it so they don't feel like their spending has a real effect, which causes children to not have a real sense of responsibility. This lack of responsibility continues well into adulthood, which causes the addiction to also continue.

The problems caused by a gambling addiction are not only in the amount of debt that is caused by excessive gambling. Since many more children are going online today, the risk of gambling addictions increases. People with a gambling addiction are much more at risk for depression, and often have unsatisfying lives. The UN has done nothing about this issue up until this point, and without regulation on this form of underage gambling, many more children are going to be at risk for addiction later in life.

*How can the UN help and aid in the establishment of regulations for underage gambling? How can CCPCJ help children already affected by the effects of gambling in an online world? How can NGOs help solve this issue?*

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### Public Participation in the Prevention of Local Crime



Local crime, such as the act of breaking and entering, is one of the most prevalent forms of illicit activity in the world. It has plagued communities for millennium, and figuring out how to prevent local crime has proved to be a difficult problem to solve. CCPCJ has advocated for locals to help prevent crime in an attempt to minimize local crime rates.

Collaboration between authority figures and eyewitnesses are crucial in preventing local crime. When both the authorities and citizens are working together it helps to prevent local crime. Each have their own role in preventing crime. The public's role is to inform. If someone observes a crime, then

they should inform and work together with the authorities to prevent crime in the future. Community groups in the US have already been implemented, and they are known as community watch groups.

These groups are designed to work together in the community along with local police and inform them if any suspicious activity occurs. However, in recent times these groups have struggled with issues such as racial profiling. People living in these communities wrongfully accuse others based on prejudice, and the police often believe them. However, community groups don't always have negative effects on a community. A study done by The Crime Prevention Research Review noted that reduction in crime where neighborhood watch programs are implemented was around 16%.

Local groups are the pinnacle of crime prevention at the local level but many guidelines need to be set up in order to make these effective as possible. These guidelines can positively impact many communities such as Khayelitsha in Cape Town. As of now though, Cape Town struggles with the use of locals in the prevention of crime. One of the factors that prevents collaboration with officials is fear. Not fear from criminal organizations, but the fear of poor relationships with the police from the past, and in the present, being victimized. This is the story for many nations that are underdeveloped and impoverished. The UN must work to aid these communities by setting up clear guidelines.

*How can CCPCJ effectively work with struggling nations in order to improve local crime rates? What can CCPCJ do to prevent stereotyping in the reporting of crime? What clear guidelines should CCPCJ establish to help prevent local crime?*

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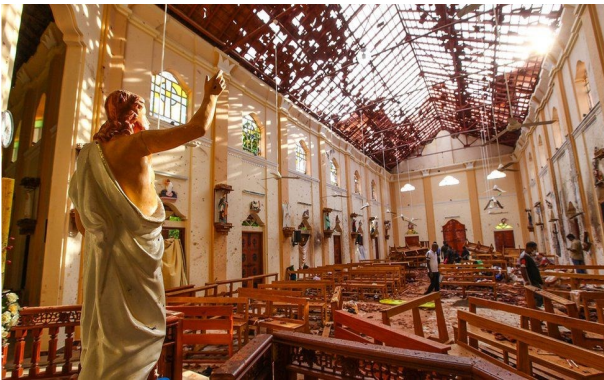
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### Prevention of Attacks on Religious Buildings in Sri Lanka



In the past decade religious minorities, including Christians and Muslims, have been subjected to riots and discrimination in Sri Lanka because of Sri Lanka's heavy Buddhist and Hindu population. However, recently the hostility towards religious diversity has escalated. In the past few months suicide bombers have been attacking religious buildings in Sri Lanka. Not only are these bombings some of the deadliest attacks on religious minorities in South Asia, but they set a dangerous trend of violence in the region. To ensure the safety of Sri Lankans, action needs to be taken to prevent the persecution of devout groups through religious-based violence.

In the last ten years, Sri Lanka has been recovering from a civil war that stretched from 1983 to 2009. Great Britain ruled Sri Lanka, then called Ceylon, from 1815 to 1948. During this time, Ceylon's population was predominantly Buddhist Sinhalese and Hindu Tamils. When Ceylon was granted its independence and became Sri Lanka, the Sinhalese began passing laws that discriminated against the Tamils. These ethnic tensions led to a brutal civil war between the Sinhalese and the Tamils. This war not only created a divide in the country, but it caused political and military instability. Now that specific religious organizations are being targeted, the people of Sri Lanka do not have the resources to provide adequate safety.

Since the war, minor attacks have taken place, as Christians and other religious minorities have been increasingly targeted. Due to its location, there is an abundance of extreme nationalistic groups around Sri Lanka, such as ISIS and Al Qaeda, looking to target small religious groups. Sri Lankan officials have vocally expressed their belief that the heinous crimes have been carried out by National Thowheeth Jama'ath, a small radical Islamist group, along with various international groups.

Although no one has claimed responsibility for the bombings, the possibility of international links to National Thowheeth Jama'ath is very feasible. There's no obvious reason for local extremist groups to attack churches unless they are linked to a larger, widespread organization. Although the bombings are on religious buildings in Sri Lanka, the possibility of the international perpetrators makes these attacks a worldwide issue.

There is a wave of fear and confusion spreading across the region. Religion is essential to daily life in Sri Lanka, as the country's history is shaped around its morals and beliefs. UN advisors have urged the citizens of Sri Lanka to end discriminatory practices that could lead to insecurity or violence. The UN has also encouraged the Sri Lankan government to investigate these attacks and bring justice to the victims of these attacks. Despite these attempts, Sri Lankans are still scared to express their religious beliefs.

*How can political reform help prevent further attacks? In what ways can the UN aid the victims of the previous religious attacks? How can CCPCJ break ties between international terrorist organizations to prevent future bombings?*

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### Child Pornography in Singapore



The making of child pornography is an act that not only affects the user, but the child as well. The continent of Asia is responsible for a substantial amount of child pornography prevalent in the world today. Strikingly, Singapore is responsible for over twelve percent of Asia's webpages containing child pornography. These sites are popping up rapidly and at an uncontrollable rate. The rapid increase, specifically in Singapore, could lead to an attraction to child pornography and later pedophilia.

Singapore has become a hub for web hosting services. The perpetrators buy domain spaces and hide behind their anonymity. The anonymity factor makes catching perpetrators of child pornography difficult. As of now, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) is working to remove Singapore-hosted URLs, but is finding it strenuous due to nameless domains.

The victims of child pornography are often forgotten.

Many of these children are subjects of sexual abuse, long lasting emotional, psychological, and physical trauma, as well as depression, flashbacks, and PTSD. Recently, five Singapore children were victims to child pornography when an older man posted obscene photos of these young children on public sites. Although he was arrested and charged, the children will never forget the trauma they experienced.

These webpages in Singapore are facilitating illegal activity that is not only viewed in Singapore, but around the world. The global community is viewing these pornographic photos and videos, most times, without the consent or knowledge of the child. The graphic content is then reposted hundreds of times on to other anonymous web pages with no way to stop the spread of the pornography.

Although child pornography is illegal in Singapore, the lack of control over private domains is allowing illicit activity to occur on the internet with consequences. The United Nations has not explicitly made remarks toward the child pornography in Singapore, but the UN has urged action to be taken against child pornography in the past. When researching this issue, keep in mind that victim protection and aid should be considered, as well as a solution to shutting down child pornography sites altogether.

*How can CCPCJ control child pornography on the internet if there is no one organization that regulates the internet? How can we address the issue of anonymity without infringing on national sovereignty? How can we help ensure that any perpetrators of child pornography will be arrested in the future?*

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