Commission: Health

Delegation: Brazil

Issue: What​ ​are​ ​the​ ​constraints​ ​necessary​ ​to genetic​ ​modifications​ ​of​ ​the​ ​human​ ​gene pool?

Honourable chair, dear delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

The delegation of Brazil is honoured take part of this conference, and hope to contribute and solve the different issues we will be debating.

First of all, the concept of genetic manipulation from a general point of view, is to include a foreign genes, plants, animals and humans, in the body of a different specie, or to modify a body to change or optimize some of its characteristics.

There had already been modifications on plants and animals. But what about modifications on a human being? In a lot of countries, it is strictly illegal to do modifications on human genes. But not a long time ago, some countries like the United Kingdom and China authorized to do so.

The delegation of Brazil doesn’t have laws on this subject yet, our country is far from tight on this issue. Brazil is aware of it and will now be more active on the subject. Furthermore, Brazil is part of the WHO and takes this issue very seriously.

Indeed, the problem of genetic modifications is a problem that needs to be questioned carefully with thought of the future consequences it could cause.

Genetic modification can be used positively and negatively. This process could cure diseases and save lives. But it is very delicate and we have to use very cautiously because it could quickly go wrong.

With this system, there could be babies “on command” , which would increase inequalities between individuals, but also between countries, and this could be a worldwide disaster. The delegation of Brazil thinks that our country, as an emergent country, could fall back because of this process. In addition to this, this type of experience isn’t completely functional yet, and it is very dangerous to use it on human beings.

The delegation of Brazil therefore thinks that genetic modification is a good process when well used. Nevertheless, it is essential to establish boundaries to avoid risking a human life. In order to do so, it is important to continue doing these experiences on animals before moving on to humans.