



Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations Office
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Dear Mr. President,

The Delegation of the Holy See welcomes the Delegation of Chile, guided by His Excellency, Mr. Bruno Baranda, Minister of Social Development.

My Delegation wishes to congratulate Chile for its commitment, on the national and international levels, in the defense of human rights and for the economic and educational wellbeing of all of its citizens.

We encourage Chile to continue in this positive direction and even to reinforce its constructive action to improve the education of youth, especially those in extreme poverty, and its efforts to enhance its juridical system so that its practices are in ever-greater conformity with those proposed in international law.

My Delegation supports Chile for implementing various programs aimed at protecting the young and the elderly through measures that eradicate the practice of child labor and promote access to social security, better living conditions and better education.

We recommend to the Delegation of Chile the following brief considerations:

- To continue its efforts to protect and guarantee the rights of all people, particularly those of children and women, with a view to securing for all citizens just and reasonable access to justice, education, and health care, respecting the importance and role of the family.
- To preserve and promote the identity of the family, recognizing its foundation in the union of man and woman, based on free consent.
- To uphold and respect the rights of the human person from the moment of conception to natural death.

Thank you, Mr. President.