

International Bioethics Committee (IBC)

Dear delegates,

Welcome to the International Bioethics Committee. Throughout this conference, you will be enacting a very important role that will help us to decide the future of science and its viability in the modern world by analyzing the possible repercussions these may have in our society. It is only through well argued discussion and debate that we, as representatives of the international community, can yearn to reach consensus that can bring benefits to everyone without compromising the wellbeing of others in the process.

During this conference, we encourage you to discuss the selected topics respectfully towards the rest of the delegates to ensure a fluid debate. Additionally, we expect that you will be able to learn from your fellow delegates as much as you can and, also share with them your own expertise. Above all, we hope you learn something new about yourself and put into practice all your linguistic prowess and abilities in argumentation.

We wish you the best of luck and look forward to work with you in SIMUN 2020! Please contact us if you have any doubt; we would be glad to help you solving whatever you may need.

Sincerely,

The International Bioethics Committee's Chair.

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Abstract:

As a subcommittee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Bioethics Committee (IBC), since its creation in 1993, has been in charge of issues regarding human science. Following the advice of 36 experts who are chosen according to a balanced geographical distribution and adequate qualification on either law, human rights, philosophy, education or communication in mind, the IBC plays a role of paramount importance for ensuring human dignity and freedom when implementing controversial technologies.

The International Bioethics Committee has the responsibility of promoting reflection on ethical and legal issues, as well as encouraging international collaboration on life science research that has the possibility of provoking unwanted consequences to assess and analyze whether or not new technologies have the faculty of disrupting society. The advice and recommendations produced by the IBC are widely disseminated across multiple United Nations organisms and member states.

Since the establishment of the ICB, UNESCO has become a key interlocutor on bioethics through its three declarations and the *Ethics Education Programme*. Among its many achievements, it has helped state members to open up the debate between scientists and decision-makers to include the civil society, creating awareness among the population. Besides, it has developed the Ethics Education Program of the Division of Ethics of Science and Technology, including the Assisting Bioethics Committee (ABC) program, which has promoted and assisted the creation of ethics committees in many developing countries.

Additionally, the IBC established the Global Ethics Observatory (GEbs) in 2007 and created a bioethics training module for medical students in 2008. This consists of core courses aimed at medical students with the objective of

maintaining the ethical aspects of hospital procedures that can be found in an online database.

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