

R21 Resolution Against Child Marriage

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Resolution text

1 Global Greens will:

- 2 1. Uphold the rights of Children.
- 3 2. Support strategies and campaigns against child marriage.
- 4 3. Endorse changes in legislation and policy to end child marriage.
- 5 4. Endorse family planning and maternal health for married girls.
- 6 5. Endorse girl-centred investments to empower girls with tailored
7 information, skills and education.
- 8 6. Ensure easier access to reporting criminality and convicting perpetrators
9 of child marriage.

Reason

- Child marriage undermines children's human rights and traumatises their lives and derails any future opportunities and prospects
- Child brides are more likely to become pregnant and experience complications, and this is reported to be the leading cause of death among adolescent girls
- Child brides are more vulnerable to sexually transmitted infections including HIV
- Child brides have not had the opportunity to access education and social support
- Reporting criminality is critical and convicting perpetrators of child marriage is integral for children's safety and protection.