

ISSOP Statement on National Politics and Child Rights

The current and emerging events that are affecting children all over the world require global responses from different sectors and territorial actors. ISSOP, as a global scientific and advocacy society that is grounded in the principles of child rights and focused on addressing critical issues impacting the health and well-being of children and youth, has not remained silent and has taken part in many of these responses.

ISSOP is aware that conflicting positions may arise given the political, social, cultural and/or economic situation of the different countries in which children live in, but on behalf of all children and youth ISSOP needs to be consistent with its principles. Given these circumstances, ISSOP considers it relevant to establish a statement that clarifies its position and avoids any misunderstanding in relation to current and emerging events that may affect children in different parts of the world.

Statement of ISSOP's Policy:

It is the policy of ISSOP to not engage or comment in the internal politics of countries, unless national policies negatively impact the health and well-being of children and/or violate the rights of children. If national policies do have such an impact, ISSOP will collaborate with its members and other stakeholders to address them. Conflicts among members related to national policies will be addressed confidentially by the President and General Secretary with the help of other members requested by them.

It is important to note that the opinions of individual ISSOP members may not represent ISSOP positions and policy.