In 2018, on the United States of America's soil, in just 6 weeks, nearly 2,000 children were separated from their parents, and confined in a closed centre, behind wire fences, and lying on makeshift mattresses in stifling heat. These children's situation is overwhelming and constitutes a deep violation of Children's Rights.

The 20th of June, Donald Trump finally signed a decree that puts an end to this practice. However, even if the children will be reunited with their families, it seems slow, the current situation remains intolerable: the children and their families will be placed in Immigration Detention Centres, without any duration limits.

Does the ratification absence of the International Convention on the children Rights by the United States justify this situation?

Does a particularly austere and authoritarian migration policy justify this situation? Without any doubt, La Voix De l'Enfant (literally: The Child's voice) straight answer is “no”!

The Federation is particularly dismayed by those behaviors. Nothing can justify this denial of Children's Rights and no one can turn a blind eye to such practices.

These children were only following their families and are already victims as migrants. These displacements, particularly perilous, generate in them serious traumatisms as much psychological as physical. Furthermore, these children and their families are victims of unscrupulous human traffickers who mistreat and exploit them.

While they should be rescued and protected, they are treated like criminals and their childhood is sacrificed by adult cynicism and violence. It is to be feared, that this example of the United States could inspire other States with little consideration for the Fundamental Rights and the Children Rights.

This reality must also challenge us that the situation in Europe is far from being idyllic as well. A few days ago the episode of the Aquarius was a tragic revelator of the posture of some European governments, including France, revealing a lack of solidarity, courage and humanism.

In this year of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and a few days after the European Council, La Voix De l'Enfant expects the French Government to bring France and European countries to adopt a dignified, courageous migration policy that is fully respectful of human rights and the rights of the child.

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