



UN WOMEN committee

Sponsor : Canadian delegation

Topic : prevent violence against girls

The General Assembly,

Recalling the purposes and principles mentioned in the Charter of the United Nations, especially regarding the fundamental human rights, human dignity and worth as well as gender equality,

Underscoring the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human rights, which proclaims that all human beings are free and equal in dignity and in rights, affirms the principle of non discrimination and that each must benefit of all the rights and freedom which are stated therein, without any distinction based on gender,

Recognizes that international agreements such as the Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and the 1993 United Nations's Declaration on the elimination of violence towards women guarantees women's right to live free from violence,

Thanks the United Nations Women and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development for creating in 2012 an indicator that makes it possible to track the involvement and contribution of each country regarding gender equality and their funding, allowing us to highlight the scale of the phenomenon and thus encourage as many states as possible to take action on this cause,

Noting that violence against girls, whether physical, sexual or psychological, and including female genital mutilation, threats, human trafficking and forced marriage, constitutes an austere violation of human rights recognized at the 1993 World Conference on human rights and through the Declaration and Vienna action program,

Alarmed that a third of women have faced physical or psychological violence at least once in their lives, that at least 15 million teenagers girls have been victims of forced sexual intercourse, that nearly 140 women are killed every day around the world, that 150 million girls are married before the age of 18, and that statistically, with regard to human trafficking, women are 72% more vulnerable,

Recalling that freedom of expression is fundamental and protected for all by Article 9 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

Emphasizing the importance of access to education and that the right to education is guaranteed for all by the International Convention on the Rights of the Child since 1989,

Deeply concerned that violence against girls, the restriction of their fundamental rights and freedoms, and the denial of equitable access to education constitute a serious deprivation of their fundamental human rights as recognized by international instruments,

1. *Recommends* that Member States strengthen their national legal frameworks in response to the seriousness of human rights violations against girls, with the aim of criminalizing all forms of violence against girls and thereby ensuring their protection through the effective enforcement of laws,
2. *Commends* the United Nations Women for their global initiative which works to prevent and fight sexual harassment against girls and women, and which mobilizes targeted financial resources on a large scale with the aim of ending violence against girls and women, particularly in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America and the Pacific, and therefore invites member states to participate more actively thus helping financially according to their means in order to promote rapid progress of the situation,
3. *Strongly encourages* the establishment of programs aimed at raising awareness among populations and communities about the seriousness of the situation, particularly the major and sometimes irreversible repercussions of this violence, as well as reaffirming the importance of gender equality and mutual respect :
 - a) *Proposes* for schools to educate students through compulsory classes about consent, gender stereotypes, respect and non violent communication, and invites schools to integrate the intervention of professionals and specialists such as psychologists or members of associations,
 - b) *Suggests* the diffusion of prevention messages, as well as testimonies of victims, on television and social medias,
 - c) *Demands* the implementation of an emergency number, accommodation centers and an accompaniment of specialists including legal, medical and psychologic help,
4. *Invites* to an improved access to free support for girls and women victims of violence, particularly medical care, psychological support, and legal aid,
5. *Calls upon* for international cooperation between States through action programs and investments to enable the most effective possible fight against all forms of violence against girls and women.