

United Nations

Forum : UN woman

Topic : Raise awareness about violence against woman

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UN woman,

Let us recall the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948, as well as in the Convention on the Rights of the Child of 1989, which guarantees every child the right to protection, dignity and safety,

Recalling resolution 69/147 of the United Nations General Assembly on the elimination of violence against women and girls, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular ODD 5 which aims to achieve gender equality and eliminate all forms of violence,

Aware that according to UNICEF, nearly one in three girls in West Africa is a victim of physical, sexual or psychological violence before the age of 18, and that Benin remains affected by practices such as early marriage and domestic violence,

Emphasizing that violence against young girls has serious and long-lasting consequences on their physical and mental health, their access to education and their social integration,

Recognizing the efforts of the Benises government, United Nations agencies such as UNICEF and UNFPA, as well as local and international non-governmental organizations committed to protecting children's rights,

Welcoming the support provided by partner states and international organizations in funding prevention programs and victim care services,

Concerned however about the difficulties encountered in implementing protection measures, particularly the lack of financial resources and the insufficiency of shelter facilities,

Concerned about the need to strengthen access to justice and reporting mechanisms for young girls victims,

1. Deplores the peristance of physical, sexual and psychological violence against young girls in Benin, despite the existence of national and international legal frameworks for the protection of children's rights ;
2. Notes the existence measures already put in place by the Beninese State, including child protection laws and awareness-raising ^programs, whil highlighting their limitations in their implementation across the entire territory ;
3. Encourages Members States, in particular West African countries and Benin's international partners, to join in strengthened regional cooperation in order to combat violence against girls ;

4. Invites willing States, international organizations, and ONG's to provide financial and technical support to Benin in :
 - a) The strengthening of victim support
 - b) The training of judicial, educational and medical personnel

5. Proposes the creation of an international monitoring commission dedicated to combating such violence in Benin, in charge of :
 - a) To assess the effectiveness of existing policies
 - c) To formulate recommendations adapted to the local context

6. Support the development of national awareness-raising campaigns aimed at informing families about girls' rights and the consequences of violence ;

7. Encourages the Beninese government, with support of its partners, to strengthen access to justice for victims, by :
 - a) The facilitation of reporting mechanisms
 - b) The protection of victims against reprisals

8. Calls upon all Member States and international organizations to maintain a sustained commitment in order to guarantee the protection, dignity and well-being of girls in Benin.