



Forum : UN Women
Topic : Prevent violence against girls
Sponsors : United States of America's delegation

The General Assembly,

Guided by The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen and by all the international human rights instruments, in particular the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), we are committed to ensuring the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms especially women's rights and women's discrimination in this case;

Reminding the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against women (CEDAW) signed the 18th of December 1979 in New York City and all additional protocols,

Recalling resolution WHA67.15, of the 24th of May 2014, in which, the Assembly strengthen the role of the health system in addressing violence, particularly against women and girls and against children;

Reminding resolution S/RES/2242 adopted unanimously on the 13th of October 2015, in which the Assembly focuses on women's roles in countering violent extremism and terrorism; improved SC working methods on women, peace and security; and took up recommendations of the Global Study;

Recalling the definition of violence against women as stated in the 1993 Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women (resolution A/RES/48/104);

Deeply concerned that nearly 1 in 5 women (18%) in the world have been raped at some time in their lives, including completed forced penetration, attempted forced penetration, or alcohol/drug facilitated completed penetration,

Highly alarmed by the widespread violence suffered by women during armed conflicts, where they are often deliberately targeted and left without adequate protection,

Aware that the health and well-being of millions of individuals and families is adversely affected by violence and that many cases go unreported;

Also aware that only 40% of women seek help of any sort after experiencing violence,

Emphasizing the inadequacy of action taken to defend women and protect them from all forms of violence,

Calls on Member States and international organizations to implement the following actions to strengthen programs and strategies to allow preventing and protecting victims of violence in the long term:

1) *Request* strengthening prevention through education, the federal government will support national educational programs, starting at an early age, focusing on consent, gender equality, prevention of sexual and domestic violence, in partnership with schools, universities, and local communities,

2) *Invites* all countries the UN Women's decisions and propositions about victim's protection, safety, and prevention,

3) *Commit* to expanding temporary and permanent housing programs for women who are victims of violence, in order to prevent them from being forced to return to their abusers for economic or family reasons,

4) *Invites* other countries to promote the economic independence of survivors of violence through access to vocational training, employment opportunities, and targeted financial support either directly or through international funds,

5) *Calls* on Member States to enhance and prioritize initiatives dedicated to supporting women's mental health following experiences of abuse and violence:

a. To establish free counseling services, either in groups or individually, for women who have experienced any kind of trauma, with qualified professionals providing emotional, psychological, and social support to help them recover and rebuild their lives, b. Commit to permanently displaying helpline numbers so that support services are visible and accessible at all times,

6) *Request* Member States to ensure that men and boys are adequately informed and sensitized to the realities, and forms of violence experienced by women, and to actively involve them as key stakeholders in the prevention of gender based violence, the promotion of respectful behaviors, and the advancement of equality, recognizing that their engagement is essential to achieving lasting and meaningful social change,

7) *Recognizes* the importance of acknowledging survivors of violence and urges Member States to value their voices and experiences in shaping policies to prevent violence and support

victims,

8) *Calls* upon Member States to strengthen the protection of women in crises situation through coordinated humanitarian assistance and peacemaking operations, by integrating the prevention of sexual violence into response to armed conflicts, disasters, and displacement while ensuring safe access to medical, psychological, and legal support services,

9) *Commit* to ensure victims of violence can access justice, receive legal support, and be protected from retaliation,

Decides to remain actively seized of the issue.