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Forum: UN Women

Topic: Prevent violence against girls

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General Assembly ,

*Recalling* the convention on the rights of the child (1989) and the Beijing declaration and platform for action (2015),

*Acknowledging* the fundamental importance of childhood as a critical stage for physical, emotional and social development,

*Noting with concern* that millions of girls worldwide continue to face discrimination for freedom of speech , sexual and physical violence, femicide, online violence, human trafficking and bodily autonomy,

*Recognising* that early inequality directly undermines long-term gender equality and sustainable development,

*Guided by* the United Nations sustainable development goals, particularly Goals 4 (quality education) and 5 (gender and equality),

*Noting with concern* the impact of armed conflict, child labour, early marriage, and limited healthcare access for young girls,



*Taking into account* the role of education, social protection, and legal frameworks in safeguarding childhood,

*Emphasizing* the responsibility of governments to ensure that every girl enjoys a safe, healthy, and empowering childhood,

1. *Encourages* Member States to guarantee free, inclusive, and high-quality primary and secondary education for all girls, including those in vulnerable and marginalized communities, by abolishing direct and indirect school fees, adopting national legislation ensuring compulsory and non-discriminatory access to education, investing in safe and gender-sensitive school infrastructure, and providing adequate training for educators on gender equality and child protection;

2. *Urges* governments to strengthen and effectively enforce national laws against child marriage, child labor, and gender-based violence affecting minors, including by establishing a minimum legal age of marriage at 18 without exception, criminalizing all forms of exploitative and hazardous child labor in accordance with international labor standards, clearly defining and penalizing gender-based violence against children, and ensuring access to child-friendly reporting mechanisms, legal assistance, and victim support services;

3. *Calls upon* Member States to expand access to child-sensitive healthcare services, including mental health support for young girls affected by conflict and displacement;



4. *Supports* community-based awareness programs aimed at promoting gender equality from early childhood;

5. *Requests* increased international cooperation to provide humanitarian aid focused specifically on girls in conflict zones and refugee settings;

6. *Encourages* the integration of digital education tools to ensure continuity of learning during crises;

7. *Recommends* partnerships between governments, NGOs, and private sector actors to fund child protection and education initiatives.