

COMISSION : UN Women

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TOPIC : "Working together to apply the responsibility to protect"

The General Assembly,

*Mindful* of the importance of education leading to the decline in the number of child marriages and forced marriages, in the past few years,

*Reminding* all nations of the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, which recognizes the inherent dignity, equality and unalienable rights of all global children,

*Reaffirming* the resolution 44/25 and its article 28, which affirms the right of children to education, and with a view to achieving this right progressively and on the basis of equal opportunity,

*Noting* with satisfaction the past efforts of various relevant UN bodies and nongovernmental organizations,

*Keeping in mind* the fact that 7,5 million girls are married every year and that 650 million girls and women alive today were married before their 18th birthday,

1. *Encourages* the opening of free schools with a personalised support for girls who did not have the opportunity to follow lessons earlier in their lives, due to discrimination based on their sex, in poorer areas of countries which are dealing with forced marriage issues, thereby helping them become more independent and consider a different future than the one carried by their families;
2. *Recommends* the implementation of interventions with local politicians to form collaborative projects, like free events and activities around the theme of forced marriage, with their communities, thereby highlighting the problem and showing the negative impact it can have on girls, even to communities who see child marriage as tradition;
3. *Calls* for the development of a United Nations Trust Fund that encourages voluntary donations to permit the development of these special measures;
4. *Urges* all countries of the United Nations to contribute to this project, with the aim of achieving a complete end to forced marriages worldwide by 2050.