



Forum : UN women

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Resolution of the prevention of violence against underage girls

The General Assembly,

Guided by Article 1 of the UN Charter, which stipulates that the primary purpose of the United Nations is to promote respect for human rights and to achieve equality of rights for all, irrespective of race, sex, language, or religion.

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 61/146 of 2006 on the rights of the child and violence against women, as well as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1979),

Also recalling the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women of 1993, which demonstrates that violence against women and girls is a violation of human rights,

Aware that, according to the United Nations, one in three women worldwide experiences physical or sexual violence in her lifetime, and that underage girls are particularly vulnerable to this violence, and that violence against girls has multiple and lasting consequences, both physical, psychological, and social, which can even lead to death,

Recognizing the efforts undertaken by UN Women, particularly through the United Nations Special Assistance Fund, to end violence against with regard to women, which has been funding prevention, access to care, and law-building projects in many countries since 1996,

1. *Notes* with concern that physical, sexual, and psychological violence against underage girls remains widespread and underreported, particularly in developing countries and rural areas;

2. *Encourages* Member States, in cooperation with UN Women, to strengthen actions to prevent violence against girls, including by:

a) implementing awareness campaigns for children and adolescents, especially in schools;

b) promoting gender equality and respect for girls' rights from an early age, through education and culture;

3. *Calls* on Member States to improve access for girls who are victims of violence to appropriate and accessible support services, including by:

a) developing safe and confidential shelters for underage victims;

b) Strengthening access to low-cost or even free health and psychological support services

4. *Supports* strengthening the role of health systems and national institutions in combating violence against underage girls, in line with the recommendations of the World Health Organization, in particular by:

a) training health personnel in the identification and care of underage victims;

b) improving the collection of reliable data and statistics to raise awareness and inform public policy.