

**United Nation**

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The General Assembly,

*Recalling* the Convention on the Rights of the Child adopted in 1989 as well as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, ratified by Singapore in 1995, which constitute fundamental legal frameworks for the protection of girls against all forms of violence,

*Bearing* in mind the international definition of gender-based violence, understood as any act resulting in or likely to result in physical, sexual, or mental harm or suffering, including threats of such acts, coercion, or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life,

*Referring* to the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 5, which aims to achieve gender equality and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls,

*Deeply concerned* that violence against girls remains one of the most widespread human rights violations, affecting one in three women during their lifetime according to United Nations estimates,

*Noting with concern* that approximately 140 girls and women are killed every day worldwide, or one every ten minutes,

*Deploring* that 650 million women were married before the age of 18 and that one in five women experiences a child or forced marriage, as well as the fact that 72% of victims of human trafficking are girls, four out of five of whom are sexually exploited,

*Gravely concerned* by the escalation of sexual and physical violence during armed conflict, including rape, sexual exploitation and forced prostitution,

*Aware* that cyberviolence targeting girls, including harassment, online blackmail, intimidation, and the non-consensual sharing of real or AI-generated images, has sharply increased since the COVID-19 pandemic and the popularization of artificial intelligence,

*Emphasizing* that cultural, economic, and social disparities, as well as limited access to justice, continue to hinder the effective protection of girls in many countries,

*Encouraging* the efforts already undertaken by States, international organizations, and NGOs to prevent violence, support victims, and transform discriminatory norms,

1) *Urges* Member States to strengthen and harmonize their legal frameworks to effectively combat all forms of violence against girls,

a) by explicitly criminalizing physical, sexual, psychological, and digital violence,

b) by reinforcing penalties applicable to perpetrators, whether adults or minors, particularly in cases of sexual assault, rape, sexual exploitation, or repeat offenses,

c) by ensuring the establishment of judicial procedures adapted to minors, guaranteeing confidentiality, safety, and specialized support;

2) *Strongly calls* upon governments to fight cyberviolence targeting girls,

a) by adopting clear laws against cyberharassment, the non-consensual distribution of images, and online blackmail,

b) by ensuring that girls have access to educational resources on online safety and the protection of their digital identity;

3) *Recommends* that Member States actively combat forced marriage, trafficking, and sexual exploitation,

a) by setting the legal age of marriage at 18 without exception and prohibiting any marriage involving minors,

b) by strengthening border controls and surveillance systems to identify and dismantle human trafficking networks,

c) by developing economic support programs for disadvantaged families in order to reduce the socio-economic factors that encourage early and forced marriages.